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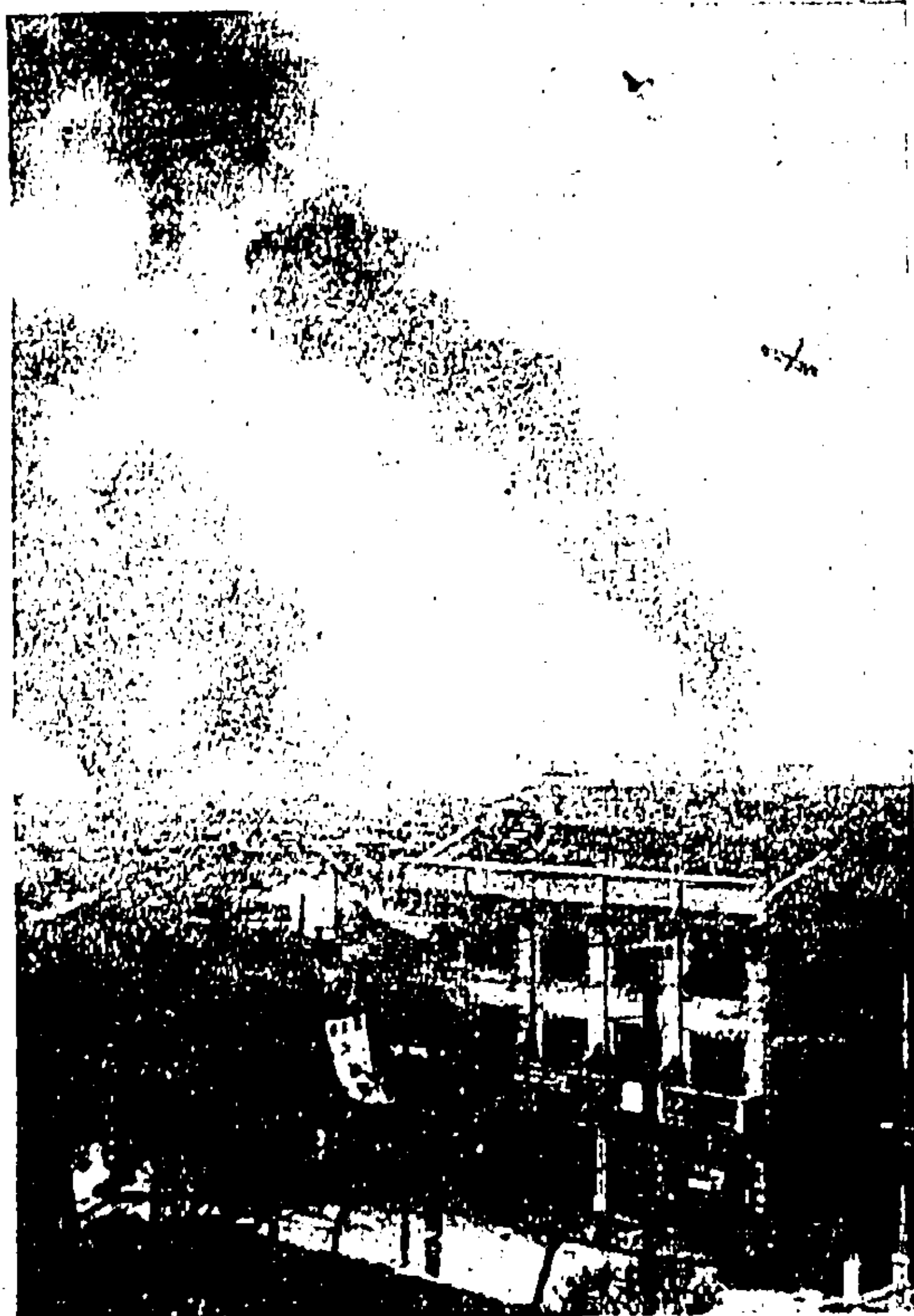
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JAPAN'S BIG OFFENSIVE CAMPAIGN OPENED.

Terrific Fire by Guns of Both Sides All Through Night.



A vivid picture of a Japanese aerial bombing raid in progress over Shanghai. Three machines are shown in the air, while smoke is seen issuing from buildings set on fire.

SUFFOLK RATINGS WOUNDED.

SHELL EXPLODES ON JARDINE WHARF.

CHINESE RUSH NEW MEN BY RAILWAY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Feb. 17, 10.40 a.m.
THE JAPANESE "BIG PUSH" HAS BEEN STARTED IN REAL EARNEST, A TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT OPENING LATE LAST NIGHT AND CONTINUING EVER SINCE.

The signal for the opening of the bombardment was warning reaching the Japanese that the Chinese were attempting to bring up further heavy reinforcements to the Chapei front from the vicinity of Chenju by means of railway trains along the Shanghai-Nanking line.

The trains began to move at about ten o'clock and this precipitated the severe bombardment from the artillery in Hongkew Park. All their fire was concentrated on the railway line and several direct hits are claimed by the Japanese. At midnight, it was learned that the trains had withdrawn without attempting to approach nearer to their objective, and the Japanese guns then concentrated on the Chinese defence lines, which are being subjected to a steady rain of shells.

Two ratings from H.M.S. Suffolk were wounded this morning when a Chinese shell exploded on the Jardine wharf at Yangtzepoo. The Chinese are replying to the Japanese bombardment with all the guns at their disposal and the noise of the battle is deafening.

Up to the present, no infantry attack has been launched, but the combatant armies are expected to be at grips within the next few hours.

It has been ascertained that the Japanese have landed fifteen thousand troops within the past few days, together with huge stocks of weapons, including heavy-calibre guns.

Eighteen light tanks and ten heavy caterpillars have been seen.

LAST DETAIL.

What is believed to have been the last detail of the preparations for the "push" was the arrival, nearer the line of operations yesterday, of the aeroplane-carriers of the Japanese Fleet, headed by H.I.J.M. Kaga.

Three of these mother-ships have brought one hundred and twenty fighting planes up the Whangpoo river.

"A MONTH'S WAR"

Questioned, officers of the Japanese army were unwilling to discuss matters of strategy. They believe that it will take at least a month to complete the campaign.

The country over which the fighting will be done—after the Chinese have been driven from their defences in Chapei and Kiangwan—will be difficult to traverse with heavy equipment.

An army must move no more swiftly than the slowest unit, state the Japanese officers.

TERRIFIC BARRAGE.

Shanghai, Feb. 17, 10.21 a.m.
The Japanese batteries, field-guns and howitzers, opened up a terrific bombardment, presumably signalling the commencement of the "big show," late last night.

The intensive fire from dozens of guns was kept up the whole night through, the Chinese batteries replying steadily.

Exceedingly few residents in the Settlement got much sleep, the din being terrific.

NAVAL RATINGS HIT.

This morning, one shell, presumably Chinese, landed on one of Messara. Jardine's wharves at Yangtzepoo, alongside which was the s.s. Julvo.

The shell exploded, wounded several passengers on the steamer which suffered some damage, and also wounded two British naval ratings from H.M.S. Suffolk, who were guarding the wharf.—*Reuter.*

THE SETTLEMENT STATUS.

FRENCH REMINDER TO JAPAN.

Paris, Feb. 16.
The Foreign Office has instructed the French Ambassador in Tokyo to join the Anglo-American demand reminding the Japanese Government of the necessity for respecting the status of the International Settlement in Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

LULL AT WOOSUNG.

CHINESE HOLD THE FORTS.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 16.
(Delayed).
The Woosung front was very quiet to-day. The Japanese have launched no fresh attacks, but are consolidating their positions.

A number of Chinese soldiers were seen by pilots on the Fort to-day.

WARMING UP FOR THE WRATH TO COME.

TROOPS MOVE INTO LINE.

KIANGWAN THE FOCUS-POINT.

Shanghai, Feb. 16.
(Delayed).

An assurance that Japanese aeroplanes will no longer fly over the Settlement, is contained in a letter to the Municipal Council from the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Murai.

Japanese troops were today busy taking over the positions held by the Japanese marines and bluejackets since the "war" broke out on January 28.

When the change has been completed, the marines will take over police and patrol duties behind the lines.

STREAMS OF MEN.

Truckloads of munitions, supplies and men streamed towards Hongkew Park all day long. Japanese civilians cheering the troops as they passed.

Throughout the day there was only desultory firing, but it seems certain that the next forty-eight hours will witness important developments. Both sides seem equally confident regarding the result of the impending battle.—*Reuter.*

KIANGWAN OUTLOOK.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

The Japanese appear to be planning to make the Kiangwan district the main point of focus for their coming offensive. There is immense activity in this region, large numbers of troops having been conveyed there from Yangtzepoo to-day.

A survey reveals that the Japanese and Chinese outposts in the Kiangwan area are less than half a mile apart, though it is noted that the Chinese who were entrenched in the Hsiang Ying Road a few days ago, found themselves too exposed and have retreated.

HEAVY STRAFING.

While the Chinese are withholding their fire along the Chapei front, the Japanese are rapidly completing the process of substituting troops for marines and bluejackets.

Early this afternoon, Japanese artillery commenced an exceedingly heavy bombardment of the Chinese positions along the Kiangwan Road, and no Chinese reply was forthcoming.

PLANES AT LUNGHWA.

A Japanese plane was observed to be flying over the French Concession at 8.55 a.m. this morning, and at eleven o'clock, three Japanese machines were scouting over the Lungwa area.

Intermittent artillery fire commenced at 5.45 p.m. and this still continues.

"BOY" EMPEROR AGAIN.

President of Manchuria!

INDEPENDENCE PROJECT.

Mukden, Feb. 16.

Pu Yi, the "boy ex-Emperor" has again emerged as an important factor in the Manchurian situation.

It is believed that it is planned for him that he shall become the first President of Manchuria.

Preparations for the formation of an independent autonomous Manchurian Government are being rushed.

General Chang Ching-huei, the Governor of Harbin, arrived yesterday. General Ma Chan-shan is expected by aeroplane to-day.

THE FAVOURITE.

But Pu Yi is still the favourite candidate for the Presidency, being specially backed by the Manchurian General Hsi Hsia. The present conference at Mukden between the Manchurian leaders is only preliminary. It is believed. It is expected that the inauguration of the new State will take place at Changchun later.

GEN. MA ARRIVES.

Later.
General Ma Chan-shan, the defender of the Nonni River and Taitshar against the Japanese, arrived at Mukden by air this afternoon from Harbin, to attend the

SHANTUNG INVASION RUMOURS.

CHINESE TROOPS ON MOVE.

Peking, Feb. 16.
(Delayed).

There is no longer any doubt that considerable troop movements are going on in North China, though their exact significance is by no means certain.

It is understood that the Central Government, whose headquarters are to-day at Loyang, recently ordered the Northern commanders to be prepared for eventualities against Japan, which apparently meant that they were to prepare for possible defensive warfare.

The foreign authorities in Peking still declare that there are no signs of Chinese troop movements along the Peking-Mukden Railway towards Manchuria, or towards Jehol, but it is expected that some Shansi troops will shortly be brought to Hopei or Shantung.

TSINGTAO NEXT?

In some Chinese circles, it is asserted that the Japanese intend to send a strong force to Haichow or Tsingtao for the invasion of Shantung, and declare that the Central Government has ordered two hundred thousand troops to concentrate in Shantung to withstand the invasion.—*Reuter.*

conference scheduled for to-night.

DINES WITH HONJO.

General Ma Chan-shan dined with his recent enemy, General Honjo, the Japanese commander-in-chief in Manchuria, others present being Tsang Shih-yi, the chairman of the Fengtien Government, Chang Ching-hui, commander-in-chief of the Harbin area, and General Hsi Hsia, the chairman of the Kirin Government.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai's Mystery Plane.

Part of the Puzzle Solved.

(SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH").

Shanghai, Feb. 17.

Shanghai's aeroplane mystery, the sudden arrival of an unknown machine at the Racecourse and the speedy disappearance of the pilot, has been partially cleared up.

The pilot of the mystery plane was Mr. Tom Derby, an American, who arrived by air from Nanking. He is associated with the Arrow Aviation Company and flew to Nanking on business on January 26. He says that although Nanking was in no danger of attack, he considered that his plane was safer in Shanghai than in a Chinese hangar at Nanking.

He selected the racecourse as the most suitable landing place.

FIRE ON.

Mr. Derby declared that on his way down, he saw no signs of Chinese troop movements. He was very careful not to fly over Chapei, but nevertheless was mistaken for a Japanese plane and was fired upon by Chinese at least a dozen times without suffering hurt or damage.

The only part of the mystery not cleared up is why he "fled."—*Reuter.*

DARTMOOR GAOL MUTINY.

FIFTY CONVICTS FACE TRIAL.

PROBLEMS FOR OFFICIALS.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Feb. 16.
Steel decks and a body of armed warders are suggested as a precaution at the public trial of fifty convicts, alleged to have been the ringleaders in the Dartmoor Prison mutiny.

One of the difficulties of the authorities is that of finding a court where it is safe to take these men.

The Home Office is now conferring with the police regarding the advisability of conducting the trial within the prison walls, but here again, another difficulty presents itself, that of finding a building in Dartmoor large enough to accommodate all the prisoners and the Court.

As fifty convicts are being charged, they will need at least a hundred warders.

NO "DOLE" IN AMERICA.

JOBLESS NOW TOTAL NINE MILLIONS.

Washington, Feb. 16.

There is to be no "dole" in the United States.

The Senate to-day rejected a Bill providing for direct Federal Unemployment Relief.

Under the Bill, a sum of \$25,000,000 was to have been appropriated for relief purposes this winter, and a further sum of \$50,000,000 for the next fiscal year.

The number of unemployed is now stated to total nine millions.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Suffering from an overdose of Adalin, a man named Chan Fuk, aged 41, of 64, Wai-ching Street, Yau-mat, was removed to hospital for treatment. His condition is not considered serious. It is believed that the man attempted to commit suicide.

THE POISON GAS FABLE.

JAPANESE USE OF SMOKE-SCREENS.

Washington, Feb. 16.

An emphatic denial that the Japanese are intending to use poison gas in their operations around Shanghai has been issued by the Japanese Military Attaché.

"I have received information from the Japanese General Staff," he says, "that the Japanese forces have never used poison gas and have no intention of using it in the future."

"Our troops are equipped with devices for laying smoke-screens, which are only a means of covering their movements. The smoke set up does not contain any poisonous elements."—*Reuter.*

OFFICIALS KEEP ON TALKING.

DEPRESSION OVER WASHINGTON.

Washington, Feb. 16.

Sir Ronald Lindsay called at the State Department again to-day and conversed at some length with Mr. Clegg, the Under-Secretary of State, who also talked with M. Claudel, the French Ambassador.

The feeling of depression in official circles regarding the Far Eastern situation persists. It is believed that there is little hope that the Japanese will refrain from a large scale attack unless the Chinese voluntarily withdraw, which is most unlikely.

Shells dropping into the Settlement is a matter giving rise to increased anxiety, but Washington officials believe that the Consuls are doing their utmost to protect the foreign concessions.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FUNDS FOR THE 19TH ARMY.

HUGE SUMS FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.

A house-to-house collection in San Francisco's Chinatown this afternoon, for funds to aid the Chinese forces in Shanghai, yielded a quarter of a million dollars gold.—*Reuter.*

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ECONOMIC CRISIS IN U.S.A.

ROTARY CLUB SPEAKER ON THE REMEDIES.

FREE SPENDING.

An explanation of some of the events which have resulted in the United States feeling the full force of the present world depression was given by Mr. Harper Sibley, of Rochester, New York, who spoke at yesterday's meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club, held in Messrs. Lance Crawford's restaurant under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

The Chairman, who announced that as next Tuesday would be a race day there would be no meeting of the Club, welcomed the following visitors:—Rotarian, H.M. Cavender, Manila, Rotarian, Col. H. Cohen, past President of the Melbourne Club, Melbourne, Rotarian, P. H. Stevenson, Peking, Mr. W. C. Costin, Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, travelling under a Rhodes Scholarship, and a member of the British Group to the conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations held recently, Mr. A. McKirdy, Hongkong, Dr. C. P. Emerson, Dean of Indiana University, and Rotarian A. A. Brown, President of Drew University, Madison New Jersey.

Mr. Sibley said that the economic crisis appeared to be particularly acute in the United States. He explained that he was a 100 per cent. believer in industrialisation of a country and in the increase of the machine productivity of a country.

Describing the conditions in the United States, Mr. Sibley said that there had been a tremendous "jog" in the country which had been "intoxicated" during the past two or three years. "We have now found the headache which inevitably must come along."

One reason for the state of intoxication was that American business manufacturers and salesmen believed in the philosophy that profits came from spending rather than from saving. That the way to lay up for the future was to spend freely because, if everybody spent, it created business, and the creation of business led to more business, going round in a circle until prosperity was reached.

Artificial Buying Power.

Mr. Sibley said that the American people had not only got into the habit of spending their income, but through facilities afforded to them by the credit system, many of them had spent the following year's salary as well. By spending in this manner, the population had created an artificial buying power.

Another reason for the improved business in those days was that the United States had made tremendous foreign loans most of which were to be spent in the United States, which again enlarged the buying of the people. Through these various agencies business was stimulated beyond the normal income and it was felt that business was on the up-grade and was going to keep soaring indefinitely. More money was made than in normal years, and one of the outcomes was that stocks went up.

Stock Investments.

The rise in stocks gave birth to a number of investment trusts. The investment trusts said they could invest money far better than the average person, claiming to know more than the average person did. The result was that a great many people began to buy investment trust securities, and they, in turn, went in for stocks, resulting in a tremendous increase in the country's purchasing power in stocks.

The speaker gave an instance of the company in which he had an interest, and said that for years the stock had been standing at

about \$800. They were hoping that one day it would touch \$1,000. During the boom a small parcel of 20 shares were sold and resold in the market and one day, when he looked in the papers to see what their stock was quoted at, he found the amazing figure of \$4,500. On that basis the stock was earning about one per cent. That was the situation in the stock market and it gave some idea of the ridiculous prices that were being paid.

The Crash.

After the boom there came the crash in 1929. "If we went up fast," said Mr. Sibley, "we came down a lot faster." It was amazing the way things had dropped in the United States. He did not think anyone who had not recently been there could realise how bad things really were.

In Great Britain, said the speaker, the people were more used to depression. In the United States the depression, following the boom, was like a person who being very well and vigorous, was suddenly stricken down. "We have not got used to it," said the speaker, "and we are very much upset about it."

Giving figures to illustrate the drop in stocks since the crash, Mr. Sibley said that during the last two years the twenty best railroad stocks had dropped 60 per cent. The twenty best Industrials had dropped 65 per cent. The 20 best public utilities (power and light companies) had dropped 76 per cent. At that rate, said the speaker, if one's money was invested in the best stocks in the country, one would lose not less than three quarters of one's capital.

Banks Insolvent.

Out of a total of 25,000 banks in the United States, some 2,000 banks had actually gone into the hands of the receivers, and their liabilities amounted to two billion gold dollars. They were only able to pay eight cents on the dollar.

It was thought that the bottom had been touched by the year 1931, but in that year there were some additional drops. Last spring it appeared that the time was opportune to buy stocks, nevertheless it proved to be anything but opportune. The speaker said that the stocks of the New York Central Railroad, which operated through a great series of industrial cities, dropped from \$182 to \$25 a share. Another very big stock, U. S. Steel Corporation, dropped from \$152 to \$36. Another leading railroad stock dropped from \$104 to \$15, and Union Pacific dropped from \$82.05 to \$37.

Huge Sum Vanishes.

Mr. Sibley said that the situation was not without its humorous aspect. He instanced the case of a man worth about \$350,000,000 before the crash, who died on the eve of the fall in stock prices. Out of his estate he had to pay death duties to the extent of \$87,000,000. This payment was not due until about a year after the death. By that time the value of the stocks held by the estate had dropped so low that the beneficiaries of an estate worth \$350,000,000 found themselves unable even to meet the death duties! The family fortune was "wiped out."

Investors in American stocks had had to write off \$350,000,000,000 in two years! That simply "knocked over" the American people. The bond market went lower than it had ever done for the past 20 years.

As was to be expected, when the crisis came, the people turned to the Government for help, and President Hoover held a conference with some of the leading business men. The Government at first said there was no depression and it was only a matter of a slump in the stock-market. Six months later they said that the depression was almost over. Six months later still they said that the worst was over and that the country ought to be able to show brighter colours in the near future.

Government's Action.

They kept on talking in that way until about six months ago they

realised that the patient was very sick. Since then, President Hoover had gone forward with ten proposals, some of the more interesting of which were dealt with by the speaker.

The postponement of international debts, said Mr. Sibley, was one of the proposals. The idea had met with the approval of the business men and the newspapers of America.

Another remedy suggested by the Government of the United States was to raise funds to assist the various banks on which there was a run. The Government Reconstruction Finance Corporation was formed, whereby the bigger banks were enabled to help the smaller ones. The Corporation was formed to underwrite the solvency of thousands of American banks, most of which held securities which were, at one time, standing quite high, but which could not even meet the banks' liabilities to-day. In regard to these securities, it was explained that in many cases the Government had stepped in and fixed a rate where the banks could realise a fixed value on such securities.

Railroad Stock.

A third remedy suggested and introduced by the American Government was in connexion with railroad stocks. The best securities in America, it had been recognised for years past, were railroad stocks, and these securities were held by the leading insurance companies and banks. The railroads were State controlled to the extent that their profits were kept at about five and a half per cent. each year. Since the crash, however, business had fallen off and car earnings had gone down by about one-third. One great railway system, the Illinois Central, which had shown a profit of \$9,000,000 for 1930, showed a loss of \$4,500,000 for 1931, representing a difference of \$13,500,000 in a year. Not only were the railroad companies unable to pay dividends, but some of them were rapidly heading for the hands of the receivers.

The Government Reconstruction Finance Corporation had arranged to pay interest on the railroad stocks to assist stockholders to tide over the present period and to allay the fears of such stockholders.

Steps had also been taken to permit the railroad companies to increase their rates to meet the emergency, and railroad employees, rather than face unemployment, had volunteered to accept a ten per cent. cut in their wages.

No Blame.

One feature of the depression, which was very encouraging, said Mr. Sibley, was that there was no blame going round. Capital was not blaming labour, nor was labour blaming Capital, and no one blamed the Government, but the whole country was trying to work out of it together, which was a hopeful sign.

Mr. Sibley concluded by saying that he was a thorough believer in the industrial system for relieving pressure on the land. Population grew daily but not the product of the land, and it was inevitable that the people in the rural areas should find their way into factories. Properly handled, this was not such a difficult problem and he foresaw the day when the machine would do all the work and men would have more time for leisure. He felt sure that when that time came, men would learn to control their leisure.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy thanked the speaker on behalf of the Club.

FRENCH CRISIS.

GOVERNMENT RESIGNS FOLLOWING DEFEAT.

Paris, Feb. 16. The Government has resigned in consequence of its defeat in the Senate on the Electoral Bill, which aimed at following the British voting system, and included woman suffrage.—Reuter.

RECEIVER SENTENCED.

SEQUEL TO NEW YEAR ROBBERY.

Charged with receiving stolen goods, Ma Chuen yesterday appeared before Mr. Justice Lindsell and a jury at the Criminal Sessions, and pleaded not guilty to the indictment.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith prosecuted and the jury empanelled were Messrs. S. H. Hartbridge, (Foreman) F. P. Kennedy, B. Herschend, S. H. Bux, C. Offenberg, G. Anderson and W. C. Ogley.

Mr. Whyte Smith, in presenting the case for the Crown said the charge was the sequel to a robbery at 165, Portland Street on January 17, in which four robbers took part. It was not suggested that accused was one of the robbers and there was no evidence to that effect. He was charged with receiving stolen goods knowing them to be stolen.

On January 21, Inspector Fallon, a Chinese sergeant and a constable visited No. 231 Portland Street, second floor, where accused lived. The constable remained outside of the house while the Inspector and sergeant endeavoured to gain admittance. They experienced some difficulty in doing so, and the door was finally opened by accused, who, it was discovered was the only occupant.

While the officers were trying to get in, the constable outside noticed a parcel thrown out of the second floor window. He picked it up and it was found to contain three watches, a gold ring and a jade bracelet. Two of the watches and the bracelet were identified as being among those stolen on January 17. From the accused, Inspector Fallon secured a bunch of keys and with one opened a cabinet in the room in which was found a fountain pen case with pencil, which was also identified as being among the articles stolen.

The accused was arrested and when charged replied "They were given to me by Ah Ching. I did not know they were stolen."

Evidence proving the robbery and the identification of the watches, bracelet and fountain pen case was given for the Crown, and after a brief summing up the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Accused was accordingly sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

FROZEN MEAT TRADE.

NEW ZEALAND ENTERPRISE PROSPERS.

London, Feb. 16. The jubilee of the New Zealand meat trade with Britain was celebrated yesterday in London and in Wellington.

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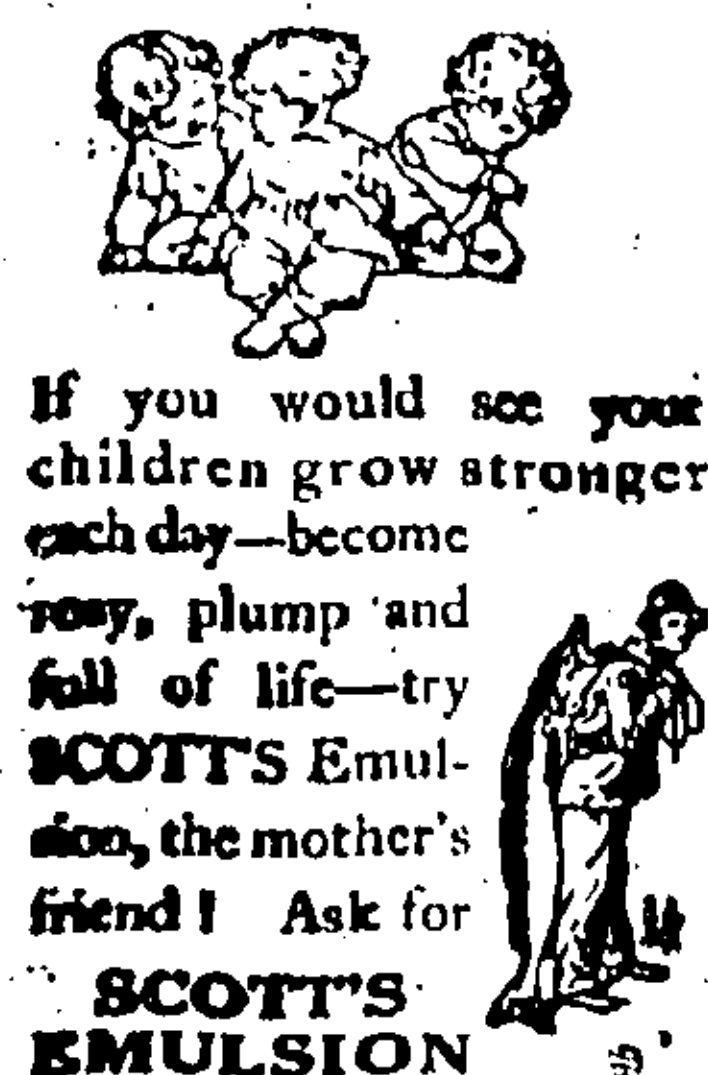
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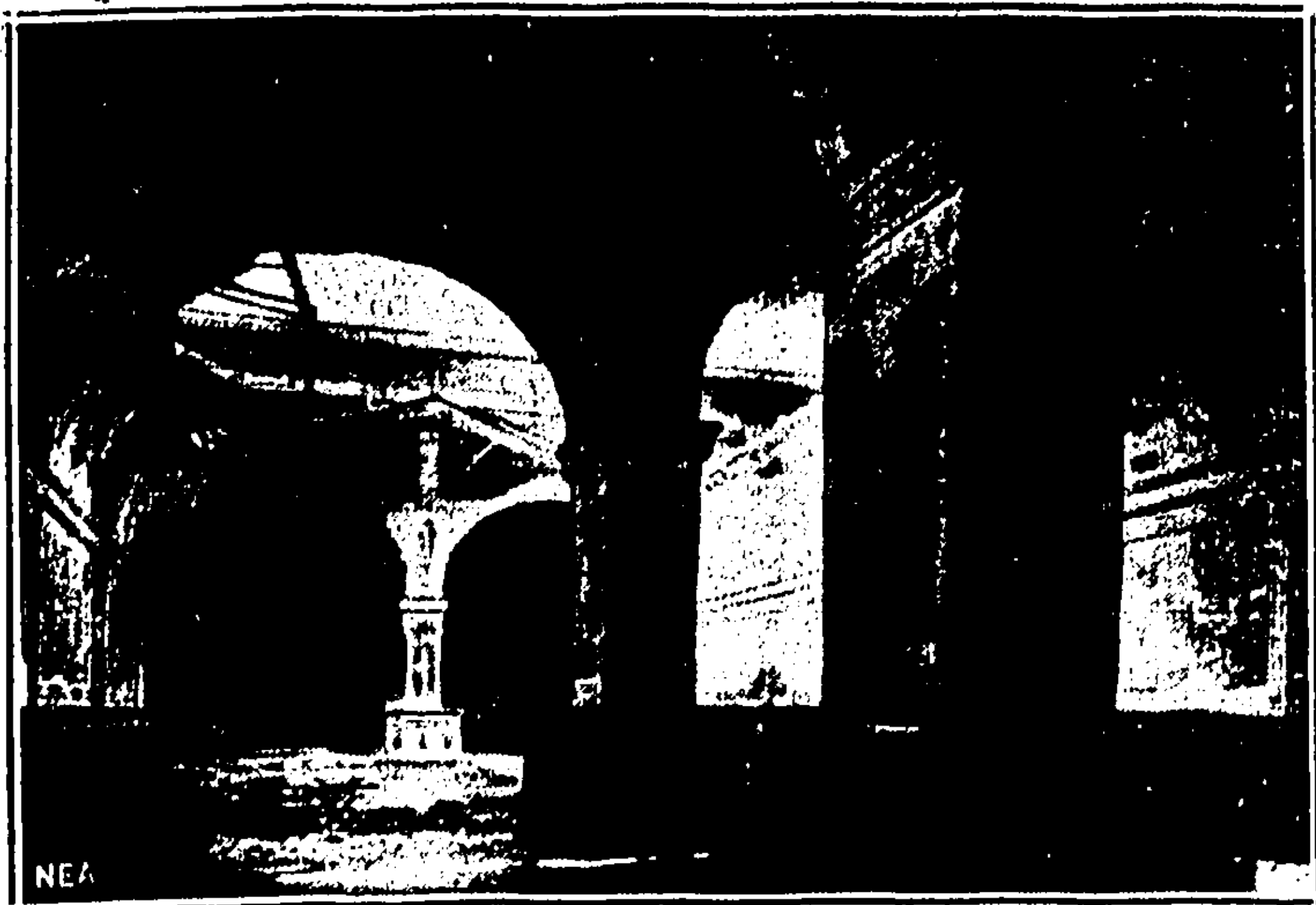
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VATICAN LIBRARY COLLAPSE: EASTON POST OFFICE BOMB TRAGEDY.



Picture showing how the collapse of the roof of the library, housed in the Sixtus V or left wing of the Vatican Palace in Rome, showered the interior with wreckage. Five workmen and Professor Vapasso were killed and priceless volumes and manuscripts were destroyed. The above photo shows how aging timbers cracked in "The Hall of a hundred Days" and allowed heavy beams, slating and supports to crash inside. Note the enormous gap in the roof through which another wing of the Vatican can be seen.



Just a gentle massaging, administered by Henry Coppinger, crocodile wrestler, put this fearsome looking reptile to sleep while an awed crowd looked on—from a safe distance—at Miami Beach, recently.



The shattered interior of a cage in the Easton post office after a bomb, exploding, had killed two clerks. Discovery of more bombs in the boxes shown on the ledge, at the right, revealed a plot against prominent Italians to whom the packages were addressed.



Tragedy hovered over this scene. For shortly after the picture above was taken, Charles Weaver (in crane), a bomb expert, was critically injured by the explosion of one of these bomb-laden boxes at Easton, Pa. A few hours before another had exploded, killing two clerks and injuring three others in the Easton post office. At the right is Detective George J. Ryan, and at the left a state trooper, assisting in examination of the fatal packages.

THREE KINDS OF LOVE

BEGIN HERE TODAY.

Ann, Cecily and Mary-Frances, three girls with their grandmothers, once settled in a small town, had been brought up in the city. Cecily's earnings support the household. The girls have been orphaned since childhood. The grandmothers are known, respectively, as "Grannie" and "Granny" and they live in a small house. Ann, 25, and Cecily, 22, do secretarial work and Mary-Frances, 19, is still in school. When the story opens Ann has been engaged to Philip Keroyd, young lawyer, for eight years. Cecily brings Harry McKel to dinner. It is evident that she is falling in love with him. Mary-Frances has a telephone call from her friend, Rosalie, who is excited about the arrival of an actor known as Earl the Armoured. The two girls make plans to meet him. Phil comes to see Ann. He is tired and rather irritable.

CHAPTER VII

In the hall, where Ann could see his frown, he went on. "No. It seems to me that you and I are pushed about, constantly and regardless of our own inclinations, to the tune of other people's whims."

"Not—not whims," said Ann. Philip shrugged. She hated to see him shrug that way, pretending or, perhaps, actually signifying that nothing was of importance any longer. She began to talk rapidly. "Dear, dearest," she said, "I don't know, but I think most people's troubles are their own faults, unless we switch to the determinists and say that nothing is anyone's fault. I mean—if there is fault it must belong to each person's own self. I was thinking tonight, as I peered the curtains, you are like the sun to my moon. And when you shine I can shine—reflected light, you know. And when things are all wrong, as they have been lately, and you are sort of hidden from me in the clouds, then I can't shine either. Only—it is more than my shining. Then I'm just not I at all. Nor anything—much, I'm gone."

"Which, resolved," said Philip Keroyd, dignified young lawyer, "puts all the blame at my door, all the time for not—how is it?—shining."

"No," said Ann desperately. "No, Phil dear, you are so clever and so wise and—I'm not. I shouldn't try smiles—metaphors. They don't arrive. But, dear, if you'd try you could understand."

For once compliments failed to mollify him. "I do try," he said. "But nothing ever works out for other of us, does it? We never arrive." He sighed and added, "I love you, Ann," but to Ann it sounded absent-minded, like "I beg your pardon," and it felt like that.

"Well, he said nothing," by saying nothing. "Well," he reached for her hands. "I'll be running along, then, Good night, dear." "Good night?" she echoed, without the "dear." "But why in the world are you going so early? Cecily will think it's queer if you don't come in and meet her friend."

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He hung up his hat again, and took off his raincoat again, and kicked his overshoes again—Phil never hurried. "I'm afraid," he said, as he slipped down his hair again, "that I'm in no mood for a family party nor for Cecily's friends."

The music room was lighted only with the piano lamp, and off in a shadowy corner Grand mercifully was dozing. Rosalie, with her back to the light, tossed Philip and Ann a contralto parenthesis and went right on being the alluring blonde belle of South Carolina.

Ann glanced at Cecily and saw that Rosalie and her allure did not matter—that nothing much mattered. Cecily was glowing with a blurred radiance that Ann understood. It came along with love, at first, and it came because all outside things were blurred and softened and made beautiful—for the time being.

Cecily, now, could not see that Phil with his six feet and two inches towered above the shortish Mr. McKel. She could not see that Phil, with his smooth hair and his deep, dark-browed blue eyes, and his maturity and manliness, made Barry McKel look boyish and his fragile and inadequate. In time, of course, things necessarily emerged from the haze and crystallized into clearly outlined duties, and practicalities, habits, and certainties. Marriage, Ann believed, made this emergence easy: totalizing, as it went along, certainties, duties, habits, troubles, into a sum fine and noble, instead of confusing them.

Everyone laughed but Phil, who could not be expected to laugh, since he had heard the story many times before.

Barry exclaimed pleasantly about little girls who went to school at four years old and wrote letters, and Rosalie began her intermin-



Add to the list of 1831 sport-champions: George Couledge, champion coal carrier of England. Here he is with the 100-pound sack of "black diamonds" that he carried for four miles in successfully defending his title against all-comers in London recently.



It was a miraculous escape for Mrs. A. Felix du Pont, society aviatrix, when her biplane crashed during a forced landing near Springfield, Staten Island, N. Y. Mrs. du Pont was only slightly injured.

able round of anecdotes concerning the three prodigies, the sisters Fenwick, and Phil sat, and was handsome, and looked bored, bored, bored.

For Phil's sake, and for Cecily's, too, Ann snatched the opportunity offered at the end of Rosalie's story about six-year-old Mary-Frances and her first view of the Pacific ocean ("I had understood," lisped Mary-Frances, as she turned away, "that it was much bigger than that") to tell about the funny man who had gone with them for the Labour Day party to Agate Beach.

"He was a 'sateenth' cousin of somebody's, and we none of us understood how he got into our group at all. But there he was, and he liked us less than we liked him, and he complained about the coffee and wouldn't help with any of the work. On Sunday evening, I happened to be alone on the porch, and there was a glorious sunset doing marvellous purple things to the ocean. I called the others, 'Come and see the ocean!' and they all came except this Mr. Whatever-his-name-was. I thought he hadn't heard me; he was in the dining room, so I ran in there and said again, mad with enthusiasm, 'Oh, Mr. So-and-so, come and see the ocean!' He sat stolid in his chair and put back his chin and said, 'I have seen the ocean.'"

Barry's laugh leaped out satirically. But Phil looked bored, bored, bored.

"Did anyone ask him," Barry said, "about York Cathedral?" Ann did not understand, but Phil opened his eyes wider and leaned forward. "Ah!" You care for the Brontës?"

"Do!" Emily in particular. I've just been rereading . . .

Ann soon stopped listening. She sat with a small smile fixed on her lips, and was glad that Phil was no longer bored, and that Cecily seemed to have read all the Brontë books, and that Rosalie had been lulled and was nodding in her heliotrope perfume. She had put on a lot of it to-night. Phil said that Rosalie was always ruthlessly perfumed. Poor Rosalie—she wore

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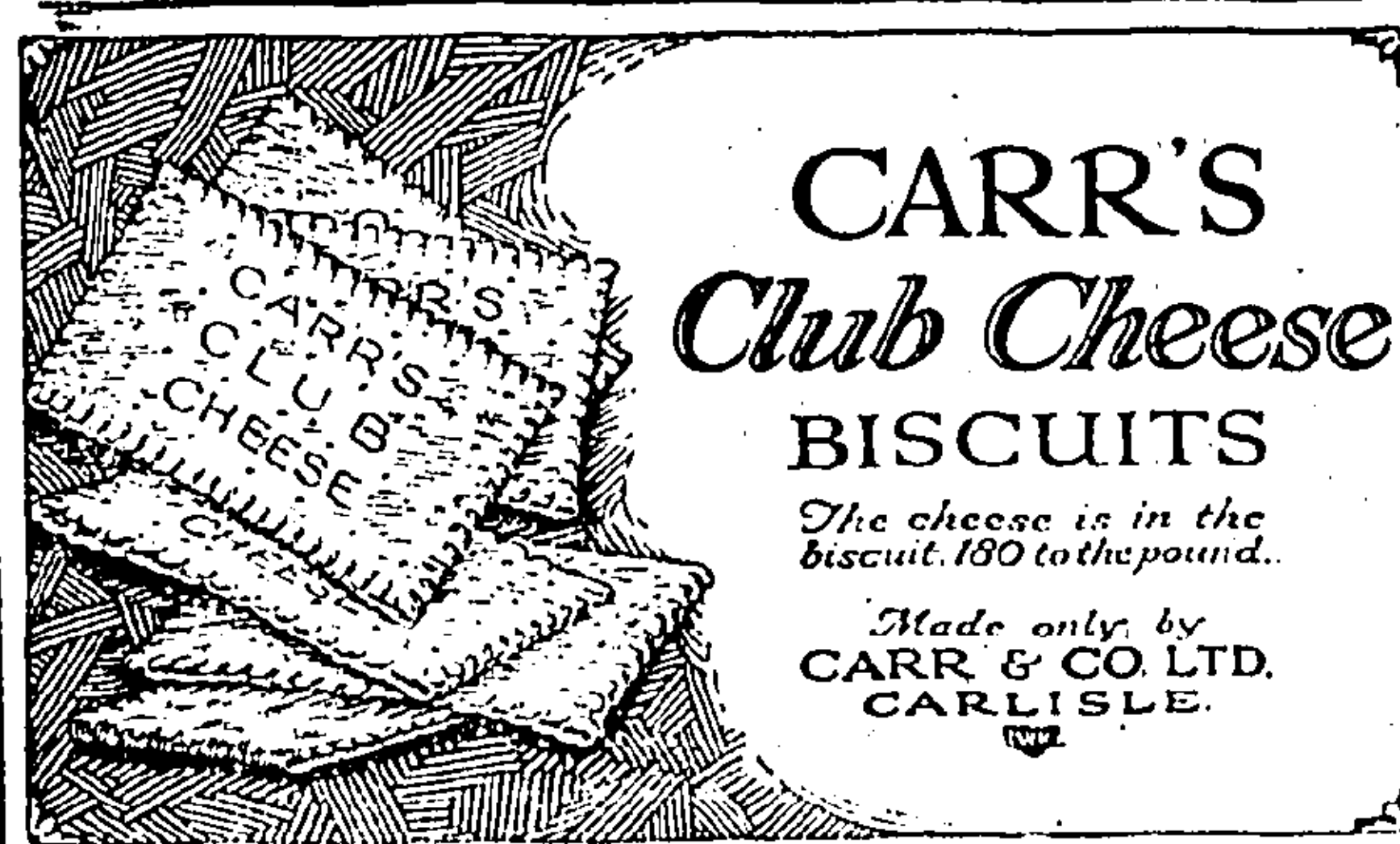
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BRITISH PREMIER.

A TALK WITH GENEVA DELEGATES.

London, Feb. 16.
An important bedside conference on the foreign situation was held at the nursing home where Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is recovering.

The distinguished patient has had lengthy talks with Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, leader of the House of Commons, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Dominions Secretary, and Lord Hailsham, Secretary for War, who are shortly leaving for Geneva.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

Further Opinions.

London, Feb. 16.
The Disarmament Conference at Geneva was continued to-day, when the first speaker was Senor Bosch, former Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, who appealed for the abolition of any land, naval and air forces which by their nature were intended for aggression.

He also urged the Conference to draft a Convention containing articles to prevent trading in war material.

M. Motta, the Swiss President, supported all methods of prohibiting aggressive war, or use of chemicals and bombing of civilian populations.—*British Wireless.*

LARGE ENGLISH MAIL RECEIVED.

SIBERIAN ROUTE NOW ALL CLEAR.

Included in the large consignment of mail aboard the M.M. liner Athos II, which arrived yesterday morning from Shanghai, were 61 bags of London mail via Siberia, despatched from London on January 19, 20 and 21. Sixteen bags of outstanding second class mail, including newspapers, which left London on January 18, were also received.

The Postmaster-General, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, stated yesterday that the route via Siberia was now clear, and no further delays were anticipated. No trouble was now being experienced with the arrival and despatch of Shanghai mail, a large quantity of which was also received per the Athos II.

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FOR OUR LADY READERS.

A FEW OF THE LATEST ACCESSORIES.



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OUR SIMPLE CHILDREN.

[By a Father.]

The child mind is simple. One word, one thing, is its rule. I asked Elizabeth at ten if she would like a little cake, to be answered with a vehement "No!" Surprised at what was sudden dislike for a hitherto favourite luxury, I sought a reason—and got it.

Within its own sphere the single-minded, simple logic of children is unimpeachable. It can make of even infantile authentic a perfect work. After much labour we have succeeded in persuading Archie, aged nearly three, that to eat wind-falls from the orchard involves acute internal disturbances. Elizabeth, now in her first term at school, brought home a problem which, possibly because it concerned apples, had fascinated her, though indeed its form suffered during its passage from school.

"If I had five apples and gave you three, what would that be?" Archie was undisturbed by the indefiniteness of the question. "Pain!" quoth he, with all the assurance of certain accuracy.

So works the child mind, captivated in its simplicity. But those who actually own children will shake their heads. They know the full and dark truth. The fact is that through the child's ingenuousness one catches frequent visions of the Old Adam.

Elizabeth is taken to Sunday School by Margaret, some years her senior, to whom we look for all details of times and requirements. Two Sundays ago, acting under instructions, we sent Elizabeth off with some fruit for the Harvest Festival; last Sunday, amid the throng of dressing, she informed her mother in a whisper:—

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It is even to be suspected that the Old Adam can actually prompt the child to use its literalness for purposes of sin. A year or two ago, Elizabeth developed a propensity for poking a surreptitious finger into tasty dishes. I caught her at it one day.

"If you touch that jelly again," I warned her severely, "you shall have none."

She fell. A quivering mass slithered on to the table under my eyes.

"Now," I said, "you know what I said?"

"But, daddy," she objected in perfect sincerity, "I didn't touch it at all. Look, it was my spoon."

And so it was! So much for the simple, ingenuous logic of children!

TYPES OF INFLUENZA.

[By A Family Doctor.]

The commonest type is that in which a high temperature is the chief manifestation. Again and again I have seen this form ushered in on the first night by a severe nightmare. There is severe headache with aching, restless pains mainly in the back and down the limbs. An interesting and frequent symptom is great soreness of the scalp—nothing to see, but extreme discomfort on using brush or comb. The appetite is lost, the throat is sore and there is a dry cough, the eyes may be inflamed and the eyeballs very painful. The temperature usually remains up four to six days, and the patient is very weak.

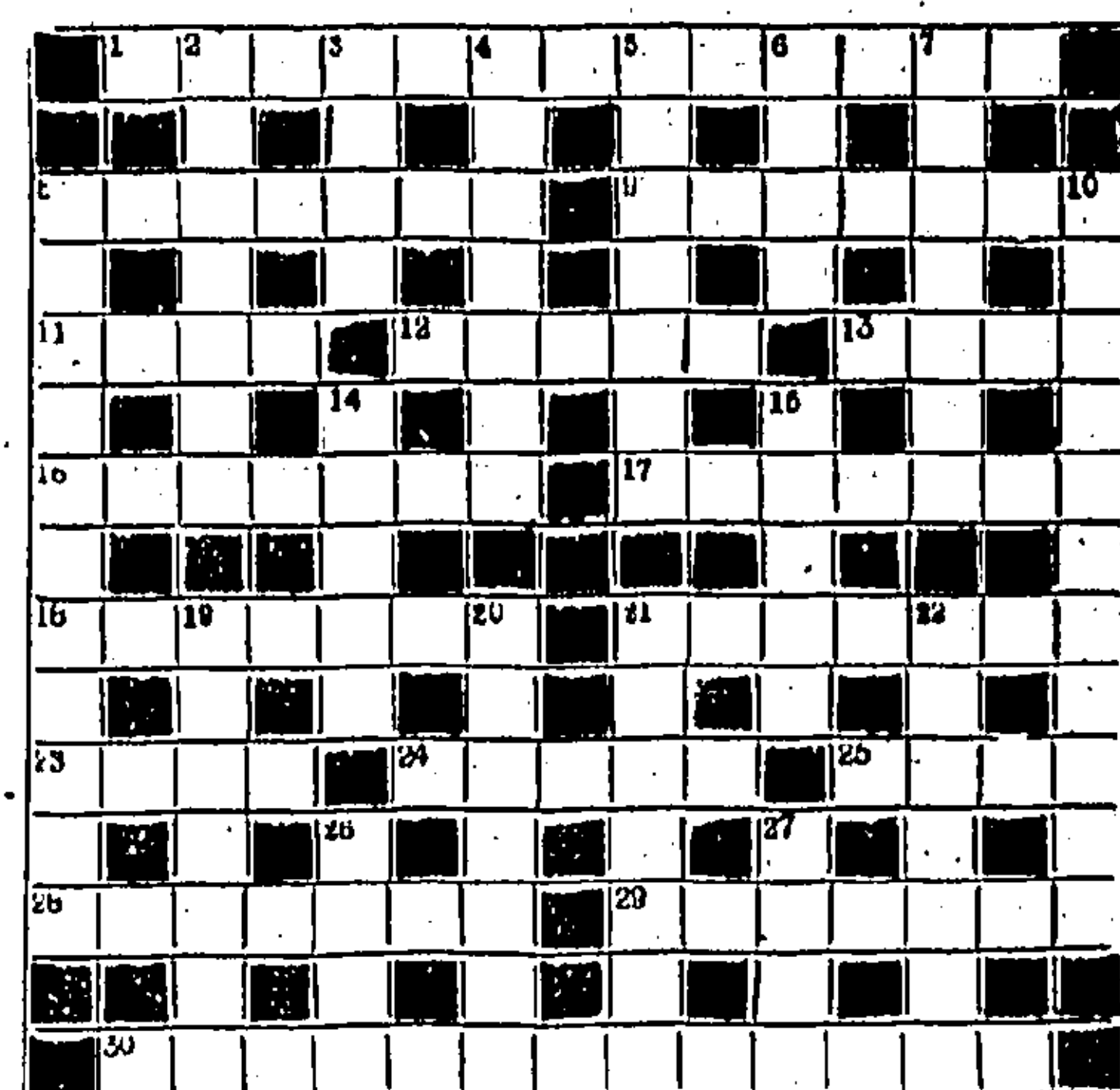
The gastric type is less common. Again the suddenness of the onset and the high temperature. But here the symptoms are vomiting, nausea and pain in the stomach, with diarrhoea. In the epidemic, especially the respiratory type of 'flu is perhaps the commonest. In this there is some throat, hoarseness, pain in the chest and a difficult, tight, painful cough. There is an acute bronchitis which is very liable to progress to pneumonia.

And, finally, in the great epidemics there is also the "malignant" type of the disease, which is almost invariably fatal. The patient is stricken down suddenly and utterly prostrated. There are no very definite symptoms for they have no time to develop, the patient succumbing to a generalised poisoning of his whole system. Fortunately, this form is comparatively rare.

SOUTHERN SUNDAE.

Mix together 1 large cupful drained crushed pineapple, 1 large cupful finely chopped salted peanuts and six finely chopped Maraschino cherries. Serve a liberal spoonful on each serve of ice cream.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- Across
- "Think, stranger," about these old palindins (anag.).
 - Though not a classical passage, this appeals to the dentist.
 - You will have no difficulty in finding an Irishman in this Glasgow suburb.
 - This man knows how to bat.
 - Knock down.
 - Might, in short, be either a boy or a girl.
 - Lazy rascal!
 - One always may be sure of finding a servant in these public places, so why worry the agencies?
 - Drawn in and mixed up in this, I handle the whole thing.
 - Might describe a lover or only his clothes.
 - When in this the matter is still under consideration.
 - All we need at last—and that's slight.
 - Put this in front of me and take for granted.
 - One confides about a shilling in such projects.
 - "Can't you see that notice, 'No Fishing Here'?" "Don't you—it. Look at these!"
 - A famous Welshman in the Middle Ages (two words).
- Down
- A chemical salt reminiscent of the fee for a trunk call after 7 p.m.
 - It takes a boy to be so happy.
 - Chattered.
 - A feat indeed.
 - Excellent, and not at all dense.
 - Nor is this.
 - Ornamented.
 - Scottish strait (three words).
 - Old Greek coins.
 - Nautical stop.
 - Used by the woodworker, as 23 saw.
 - An old maid.
 - The rightful Duke of Milan's slave.
 - Impure.
 - Here horses go up.
 - Hotch-potch.
- Yesterday's Solution.
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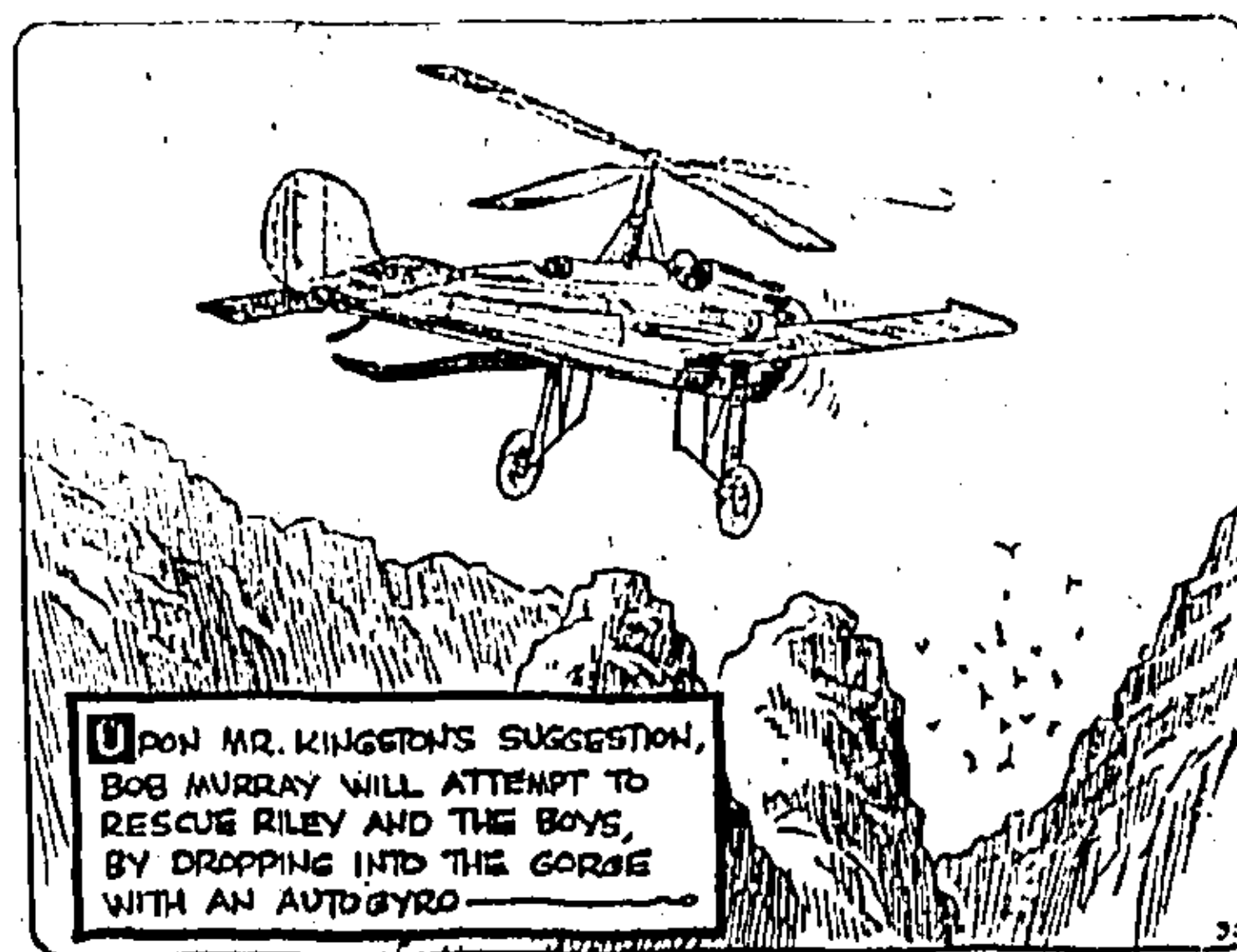
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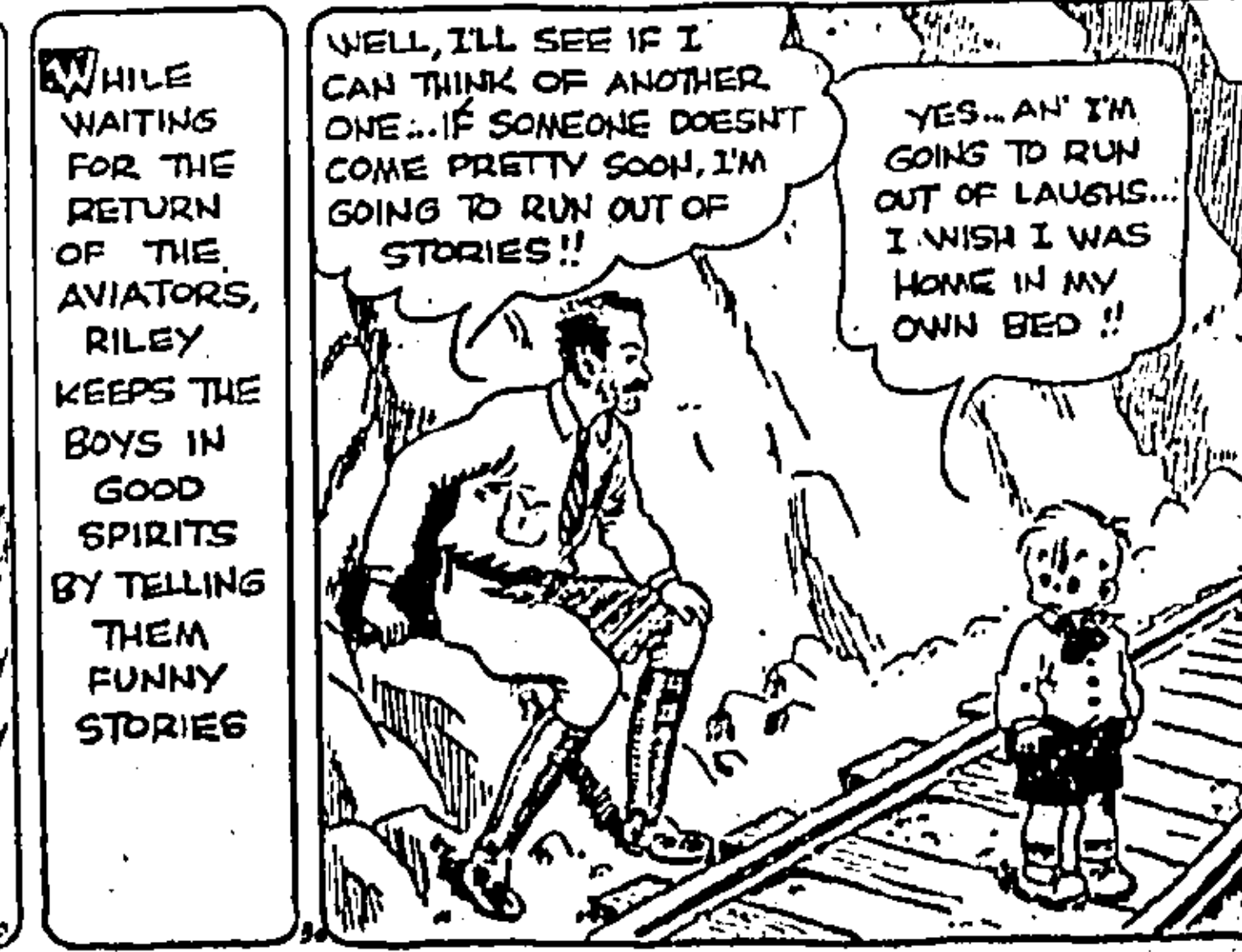
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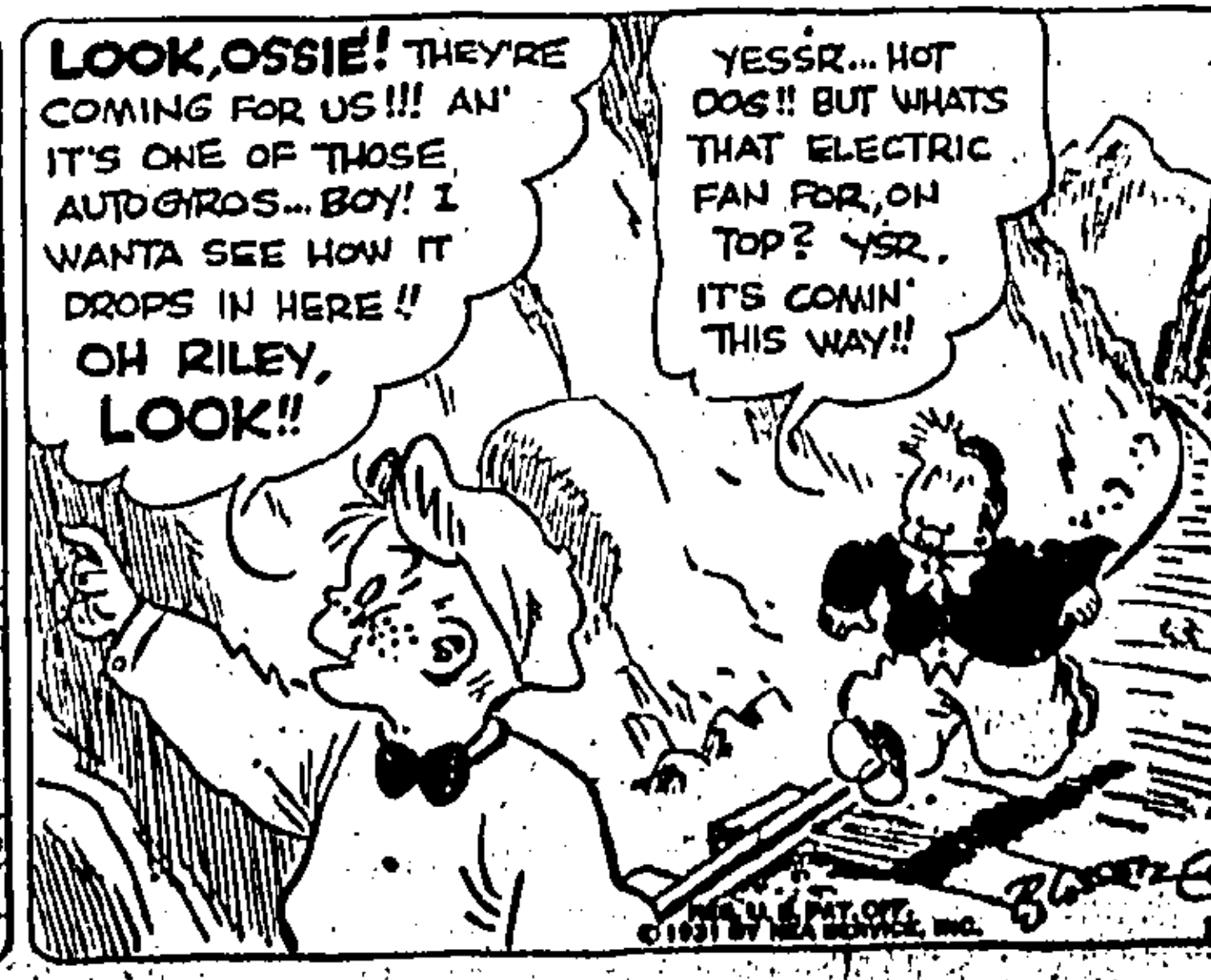
FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



Happy Day!



By Blosser





Photos show a wounded Japanese marine being brought in by Red Cross men in the recent operations outside Shanghai.

A VLADIVOSTOK INCIDENT.

TWO JAPANESE ARRESTED.

Riga, Feb. 16. A great military revival campaign is being organised by the Soviet Government in connexion with the celebrations of the fourteenth anniversary of the establishment of the Red Army, beginning on February 20.

The official programme for the festivities dwells upon the dangers in the Far East and the intention to prepare to defend Soviet territory against aggression.

The Soviet newspapers now publish the story of an incident in which two Japanese were involved, at Vladivostok on January 17, when the Soviet military arrested Mr. Sakabe and Mr. Sosenaga Migoto, both secretaries in the Japanese Consulate, for attempting to gain access to the Dalmatoid Works.

Both have since been released. *Reuter.*

VIOLATIONS OF COVENANT.

NO RECOGNITION BY LEAGUE.

Geneva, Feb. 16. After a long discussion, the League Council decided to adopt Sir John Simon's suggestion that another appeal be made to Japan to refrain from hostilities.

The meeting of the Council lasted from five o'clock until 6.30. It was decided to address an appeal forthwith to Japan, reminding her of her obligations under the League Covenant and urging a cessation of hostilities.

The appeal was communicated to the Japanese delegation this evening and will be published tomorrow.

It is two pages long and covers much the same ground as the declaration of the President read at the last meeting of Council, and refers to Article Ten guaranteeing the territorial integrity of members of the League, pointing out that no violation could be recognised. *Reuter.*

DUCE'S DAUGHTER IN SHANGHAI.

TELEGRAM TO THE POPE.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Rome, Feb. 16. The Pope has today received a telegram from Signor Mussolini's daughter, Edla, and her husband, Count Ciano, the Italian Consul-General in Shanghai.

The telegram is the sequel to a special inquiry by the Pope for news of the Countess Ciano, during his recent audience with Signor Mussolini, when he assured Il Duce of his daily prayers on her behalf.

"BIG SWORDS" IN SHANGHAI.

STREET FIGHTING TO-DAY.

Shanghai, Feb. 17. Judging by the Japanese preparations it would appear that they will commence their general offensive from districts north of Kiangwan Road. Chinese sources state that thousands of Japanese soldiers are taking up positions in the trenches which are only a few hundred yards from the first Chinese defensive line. A resumption of street fighting in this district is considered inevitable to-day. No further attempt has been

BRITISH TARIFF MEASURE.

PASSES ITS SECOND READING.

BANKER'S VIEWS.

London, Feb. 16. The House of Commons to-night defeated an Opposition Labour motion for the rejection of the Import Duties Bill by 461 votes to 73. The Bill was given a second reading.

During the debate, Sir Robert Horne welcomed the fact that it provided a means of retaliation against any country which discriminated against Britain, and said the Bill would bring freer trade than this country had enjoyed for the last two generations. It was a measure on which could be built a scientific system, which would be formed by the proposed Advisory Committee.

Dealing with the list of exempted goods, he suggested that a fair criterion to apply would be that if Britain and the Empire together or separately did not produce enough to supply the needs of British manufacturers, then *prima facie*, at least, the commodity concerned should be exempted from duty.

Coal Duty in France.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Runciman, stated that the French Government had informed Britain of a decision to exempt British coal from the imposition of the 15% surtax.

The question of the application of the surtax to other goods remained for further consideration. The announcement was greeted with cheers, and a Conservative member observed: "Is not this the first illustration of the result of our tariff policy?"

Answering various questions, Mr. Runciman said it is the Government's intention to continue to use the powers they had under the Abnormal Importations Customs Duties Act, if it became necessary to do so, although he could not indicate what might be included in any future order. *British Wireless and Reuter.*

BALANCING THE BUDGET.

THE LATEST FIGURES SATISFACTORY.

London, Feb. 16. The weekly Exchequer receipts issued to-night are again highly satisfactory.

Last week's revenue amounted to £33.7 millions, and as expenditure was only £28 millions, the surplus on the week totalled £25.7 millions. This reduced the deficit during the week from £100 millions to £74.3 millions. The deficit last year at the present date was £98 millions.

Income tax and surtax receipts continue satisfactory. The revised Budget contemplated a total from these sources of £345 millions, of which £265.5 millions had been received up to Saturday. Thus £79.7 millions remain to be collected before the financial year ends on March 31st, whereas last year the amount outstanding at this date was £115 millions.

Since January 1st, the Exchequer has received £167.5 millions, compared with £111.5 millions in the corresponding period of last year from these sources.

Customs revenue is also showing a weekly increase and £13 millions more were received than at the same date last year. *British Wireless.*

IDLE SHIPS.

56,000 BRITISH SEAMEN UNEMPLOYED.

Over 56,000 British seamen of all grades are unemployed. This figure, which comes from the annual report of the Shipping Federation, represents 35 per cent. of the seamen of the country.

The unemployment cannot be attributed to high freight rates which are 7 per cent. below the 1913 level, while operating costs are 70 per cent. more.

One sixth of the British mercantile marine is laid up. Shipping, adds the report, is in an acutely critical condition.

Masters of vessels trading to the Black Sea, it is stated, report active interference with crews by Bolshevik agents, who induce the men to visit the so-called international Clubs. In some cases this has had a disturbing effect on discipline. In regard to German vessels, the crews in several cases were induced to mutiny at Leningrad, in consequence of the arbitration award reducing seamen's wages in October.

DEFENDANTS FAIL TO APPEAR.

FISHERMAN HOLD UP SESSIONS.

BRIBERY CHARGE.

Two fishermen, Lam Hoi-yip and Lam Hoi-ko, failed to appear on bail at the Criminal Sessions this morning to answer a charge of offering a bribe of \$50 to Inspector G. A. Stimson at Aldridge Bay, Shaukiwan, and the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. Hall, appeared on behalf of the defendants and Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith attended for the Crown.

To Mr. Justice Lindsay, Mr. Lo said the defendants were not in court because unfortunately they had left the harbour to go fishing. He asked his Lordship to appreciate the position and to adjourn the case to a convenient date. He had advised the defendant to plead guilty to the charge and the first defendant to plead not guilty, and he felt sure both men fully appreciated the position before they left for their fishing.

Mr. Whyte Smith, in reply to the judge, said that he did not wish the defendants' bail to be estimated as he thought it would impose rather a severe hardship. His Lordship decided to adjourn the case until to-morrow to give time for the men to return, but intimated that the proceedings would be held over until the next Sessions.

CHINKIANG AFFAIR.

CLASH ON WATERFRONT.

Nanking, Feb. 17. The Foreign Ministry is negotiating with the Japanese Consular authorities for the settlement of an incident at Chinkiang where some Japanese marines clashed with the Chinese soldiers.

The Japanese naval commander communicated with General Ku Ching-tung, demanding a personal apology from the Chinese commander and compensation.

The ultimatum expired yesterday and the Japanese commander is threatening to take action to obtain satisfaction. Nanking officials are endeavouring to settle the incident with the Japanese Consul in Nanking. The situation in Chinkiang is critical. *Reuter.*

SAVED LIFE OF GOVERNOR.

A KNIGHTHOOD FOR BRAVERY.

London, Feb. 16. H.M. the King has been pleased to approve the conferment of a Knighthood on Lieutenant Colonel Hassan Subra Wardy, Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University, who was largely instrumental in saving the life of Sir Stanley Jackson, Governor of Bengal, when an attempt on his life was recently made by a girl student. *British Wireless.*

PREMIER'S GOOD PROGRESS.

LEAVING NURSING HOME TO-DAY.

London, Feb. 16. The Prime Minister will probably leave the nursing home to-morrow, having made good recovery from his operation.

He may attend the usual Wednesday Cabinet meeting, and will remain in London for a few days before leaving to take the three weeks' rest ordered by his doctors. *British Wireless.*

THAMES STRIKE TO END.

RESUMPTION EXPECTED TO-MORROW.

London, Feb. 16. The strike of Thames lightermen and tugmen is expected to end as the result of negotiations proceeding between the men and employers.

Work will in all probability be resumed on Thursday morning. *British Wireless.*

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts have received a cable from their Shanghai office stating that the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., are paying a final dividend of T\$1.25 per share (making T\$1.85 for 1931) and carrying forward to next year's account T\$1,000,000.00.

RADIO BROADCAST

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. DEBATE RELAY.

By Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.s.).
5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.
6.00-6.30 p.m. Children's Programme.
7.00-10.30 p.m. European Programme.
7.00 p.m. Mail Notice, etc.
7.05-7.30 p.m.

Musical Comedy and Talkie Tunes.
King of Jazz-Selection.
Regal Cinema Orchestra. DX72.
Funny Face-Tell the Dog.
Leslie Henson and Male Quartette. 9502.

Folly to be Wise-Selection.
Percival Mackey and His Band. DX219.
Rio Rita-I'd Rather Have a Memory of You.
Geoffrey Gwyther and Edith Day. DX64.

7.30-7.50 p.m. From the Studio.
Mrs. H. M. Broadbent will conclude her lecture on "Twenty Years in Burma."
8.00 p.m. (Local Time and Weather Report).

7.50-8.12 p.m. Octets.
Second Movement from "Symphonie Pathétique" (Tachikowsky arr. Robertson).
Scene de Ballet (de Berlioz arr. Sear).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 9825.
Putting the Clock Back (arr. Squire).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. DX68.

8.12-8.33 p.m.
Ma Mere L'Oye (Mother Goose) (Ravel).
Walter Damrosch conducting the New York Symphony Orch. 9516-9518.

8.33-9.00 p.m. Variety.
An Old Time "Sing-Song."
Descriptive with Charles Coburn in the Chair. DX21.

Song-If Winter Comes.
Billy Bennett (Comedian). DX13.
Xylophone Duet.
The Royal Pageant.
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Descriptive Sketch.
A Day's Broadcasting.
Clapham and Dwyer. 4745.

9.00-10.00 p.m. (approx.).
Relay of the Debate from the European Y.M.C.A. Kewloon. The Motion-"That Modern Youth is Fulfilling its Responsibilities."

Speakers:
Mr. E. F. Selk.
Mr. A. R. Brown.
Mr. T. J. Price.
Mr. W. J. Kentes.

10.00-10.18 p.m. Orchestral.
Schubertiana (Schubert arr. Pink).
Herman Pink and His Orch. 9480.
Tachikowskiana (arr. Hand).
Paul Whiteman and His Orch. 9470.

10.18-10.30 p.m.
Rugby Mid-day Press News and Board of Trade London Letters.

10.30 p.m. Close Down.
All Columbia Records in the above European Programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

POST OFFICE REFORM.

STATEMENT BY SIR KINGSLEY WOOD.

Sir Kingsley Wood, the Postmaster-General, recently received a deputation from Post Office staff associations, who presented a statement in reply to recent criticisms of the Post Office services, and to the memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister by Lord Wolmer on behalf of a number of Members of Parliament.

The Postmaster-General, in reply, said that the matter was obviously one for the Prime Minister and the Government to decide—If and in what manner the whole question was to be approached. He observed that the Unions themselves had stated, while opposing fundamental changes, that in the Post Office there might be still room for further decentralisation and greater scope for development.

While Major Atlee—P.M.G. in the Socialist Government—had gone further, and advocated much more freedom from Parliamentary control.

All these matters would have to be taken into account by the Government. In arriving at their decision, and he would place the views of the Unions before the Prime Minister.

It is notified that the parcel post service to Shanghai and North China is fully resumed as from to-day.

Convicted on a charge of stealing two slabs of paraffin wax from the Kowloon Godowns yesterday, a coolie was sentenced to one month's imprisonment by Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Inspector Eliot stated that the defendant was employed at the godowns and has just finished work on a ship when he was seen with the wax hidden under a jacket.



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STARVATION TOWN.

THE DOGS EATEN.

Vienna, Jan. 13.

The upper Austrian town of Steyr, once the flourishing centre of the iron industry, is now a town of starving, unemployed, hungry, beggars and underfed children.

It has been reduced to this condition by the discontinuance of the production of small arms since the war, the ban on the exportation of motor-cars and cycles to neighbouring States, and the general economic crisis.

A large part of the population of 22,000 is compelled to live on begging, and the bankruptcy of the town is imminent.

Infantes of charitable institutions are allowed to leave the homes on Fridays when they go begging from house to house.

Among the beggars are an ex-vice-burgomaster and former merchants and manufacturers.

Children have founded begging organizations, while adult beggars have divided quarters of the town among themselves, so that collisions are avoided.

Families of as many as 12 are living in one apartment room, lying on straw, without bed-clothes.

Dogs disappeared in the town during last year, being killed and eaten.

It is said that there are families who have not eaten anything but dogs for weeks.

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YOUNG CHINESE GOOD FORM.

E. C. Fincher negotiated his
first hurdle in the current open
men's singles tennis championship
yesterday when he defeated K. H.
Wong with the loss of one game.
The match offered little of
interest to the spectators, though
a big "ring" surrounded the court
to watch the exchanges.Paul Wai-pui, one of the most
promising of the young Chinese
competitors, was never extended
against S. A. Gray, though he
showed enough of his form to
suggest future success. He will
probably meet H. D. Runjahn in
the third round and should find
in which event he would win in
the following round oppose E. C.
Fincher. This will probably prove
Fincher's steepest proposition be-
fore the quarter finals.H. D. Runjahn was far from
physical fitness when he took the
court yesterday, but he won with
ease against his less experienced
opponent, D. D. McKay, though
the latter revealed a pleasing style
and a knowledge of the game
which should serve as an excellent
basis for future improvement.Only three matches in the first
round now remain for decision,
and they are included in this
afternoon's programme. If the
weather holds good there is every
prospect that the first and second
rounds in the competition will, for
the first time, be completed in the
opening week of play.

The results in detail were:

Open Singles.

(First Round).

E. C. Fincher beat K. H. Wong

6-1, 6-0.

Lee Wai-toi beat G. W. A. Tufton

6-0, 6-3.

P. Grise beat P. C. Koh 6-2, 6-4.

Paul Wai-pui beat S. A. Gray 6-1,

6-0.

G. Lai beat C. E. Holmes 6-1, 6-6.

H. D. Runjahn beat D. D. McKay

6-1, 6-3.

Today's Programme.

No. 1 Court:—Lee Wai-toi v. J. G.

Locky.

No. 2:—A. V. Gosano v. Yew Man-
kit.

No. 3:—H. N. Lee v. Lu Tak-cheuk.

No. 4:—J. A. E. Cassamboy v.
E. T. E. Nash.No. 5:—S. A. Runjahn v. H. N.
Chau.

No. 6:—L. T. Ride v. A. H. Harkins.

No. 7:—T. C. Monaghan v. Tsui
Yun-pui.

No. 8:—E. W. Raiton v. M. K. Lo.

No. 9:—A. L. Sullivan v. F. D.
Pereira.

SERVICES CRICKET.

R.A.S.C. DEFEAT THE
MEDWAY.Playing at Sookunpo yesterday
afternoon, the R.A.S.C. defeated a
team from H.M.S. Medway by three
wickets. Batting first, the naval
team made 78 against some steady
bowling by Whitley, who took four
wickets for 22 runs and Gray, who
claimed three victims for 23 runs.The R.A.S.C. passed this score for
the loss of seven wickets, Whitley
giving an all-round performance by
scoring 46 runs. Scores:

H.M.S. Medway.

E. R. A. Manwaring, b. Whitley 11

E. R. A. Varley, b. Gray 13

E. R. A. Spiers, b. Whitley 11

P. O. Scott, c. Keene, b. Whitley 1

L. Mills, c. Funnell, b. Gray 2

S. B. A. Pooley, c. Keene, b. Kate 2

St. Sykes, b. Gray 0

Lt. Commdr. Barry, b. Whitley 0

C. P. O. Hubbard, c. Buckland, b.

Snid, 18

Lt. Commdr. King, c. Beresford,

b. Kate 8

Tel. Austin, not out 0

Extras 1

Total 78

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

Whitley 8 22 4

Gray 9 23 3

Kate 4 22 2

Lazenby 3 16 0

Snid 2 1 1

R.A.S.C.

Gray, c. Spiers, b. Sykes 21

Snid, c. Barry, b. Pooley 12

Keene, b. Pooley 1

Buckland, c. Hubbard, b. Pooley 4

Kate, c. and b. Pooley 7

Whitley, b. Spiers 46

Crowder, b. Spiers 10

Funnell, b. Spiers 0

Lazenby, c. Spiers, b. Manwaring 0

Beresford, not out 0

Kandall, run out 0

Extras 11

Total 117

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

Scott 4 15 0

Spiers 12 4 28 3

Pooley 9 28 4

Sykes 5 17 1

Austin 1 5 0

Manwaring 3 13 1

FRIENDLY HOCKEY.

HONGKONG H.C. SECOND
TEAM FOR MONDAY.The following will represent the
Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI
against the Radio Sports Club on
the Club ground on Monday at
5 o'clock:—R. W. Spies, E. V. Reed,
L. F. Nicholson, H. J. D. Lowe, E. G.
S. Dale, J. B. Koeley, L. A. R.
Duncan, S. Hill, W. A. Nowara, L.
G. S. Robertson and S. J. H. Fox.

Signals Defeat Police.

The Mamak hockey tournament
match between the Royal Corps of
Signals and the Hongkong Police,
played on the U.S.R.C. ground yester-
day, resulted in a victory for the
former by 4 goals to nil.SHANGHAI ON
TIPTOES.AWAITING THE JAPANESE
BIG PUSH.

PLAN INDICATED.

Shanghai, Feb. 16, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai is waiting with nerv-
ous expectancy for the big offen-
sive which the Japanese are ex-
pected to launch on Thursday
morning.While there is every indication
that Chiang Kai-shek, who is at
present in Nanking, is striving for
a peaceful settlement, the adamant
attitude of the Japanese military
authorities and the pressure of
less far-sighted Chinese leaders is
forcing him to prepare for war.In this connexion five Chinese
army corps are concentrating in
the Shanghai-Nanking railway
area with Marshal Feng Yu-
hsiang as Commander-in-Chief of
the forces in the field.The possibility is visualized
that the Japanese forces, 20,000
strong, after capturing Chapel,
will find themselves confronted
with 100,000 Chinese troops to the
west of Shanghai in country where
the Japanese are likely to be
heavily handicapped by the ab-
solute lack of roads and the fre-
quency of tidal creeks impeding
their movements, while the lightly
armed Chinese troops have an in-
imate knowledge of the country
and being trouble in number will
be able to put up a desperate re-
sistance to the Japanese attack.

—Reuter.

Japan's Policy.

Tokyo, Feb. 16.
"Send all the men needed and
withdraw as soon as the task is
completed—that is my policy,"
the War Minister is quoted as say-
ing in connexion with the possi-
bility of further reinforcements
being required in Shanghai.While it is still hoped that the
present force will be sufficient to
drive back the Chinese 19th Route
Army, if it refuses to withdraw
voluntarily, officials are clearly
worried, as they feel they are be-
tween the devil and the deep sea.On the one hand they recognize
the serious consequences if the
Japanese meet with a reverse
through an insufficiency of num-
bers, while on the other they are
anxious to avoid the despatch of
further reinforcements owing to
financial difficulties and the li-
ability of increasing apprehensions
abroad.In the meantime it is indicated
that as the Japanese troops are
unable to make a direct attack
without endangering the Inter-
national Settlement through arti-
lery fire, they are likely to attempt
an encircling movement, hoping
thereby to compel the Chinese to
withdraw through a threat on
their line of retreat.—Reuter.

A Melancholy Welcome.

Shanghai, Feb. 16, 4.30 p.m.
The Japanese troops arriving on
the last transport to reach Shang-
hai had a most melancholy intro-
duction to the war. As they
streamed down the gangway in
full fighting kit, coffins containing
the bodies of their dead comrades
were being hoisted aboard for
shipment to Japan.The proceedings were watched
by the sailors aboard H.M.S. Sut-
toll, one of whom expressed the
general sentiment by exclaiming:
"We never would have done that."Enquiries at the hospitals in
the Shanghai area reveal that
3,500 Chinese war casualties, both
soldiers and civilians, have been
attended to since midnight of
January 28.—Reuter.

Still Appealing.

Geneva, Feb. 16.
The League Council, after an
hour and a half of discussion,
decided in principle to address an
appeal to Japan to reach a pacific
settlement with China.

Left to the Assembly.

The Council will hold a further
meeting at 6 p.m., when a decision
will be taken upon the text of the
appeal as to whether the appeal
shall be made.A public meeting of the Council
is fixed for February 18, when a
decision with regard to the special
Assembly will be taken. It is also
understood that as an appeal has
now been made to a special meet-
ing of the Assembly, the Council
decided that it would be un-
necessary to discuss the second
report from the Shanghai Com-
mission, as this should more pro-
perly come before the Assembly.The Japanese delegation has
received instructions not to object
to the Assembly meeting, on the
grounds of procedure, but to let
events take their course.—Reuter.

A Middle Course.

Geneva, Inter.
The League appeal to Japan for
peace was originated by Sir John
Simon, who considered that now
the peace efforts by the four
Powers had resulted negatively, it
would be desirable to make an
appeal on behalf of the League.An animated discussion resulted
from some members advocating aFELL SEVEN
STOREYS.

SOCIETY GIRL'S FATE

New York, Jan. 13.
Miss Mildred Fisher, a 32-year-
old society woman, said to be well-
known in New York, London and
Paris society circles, was killed
to-day when she jumped or fell
from the seventh-storey window of
a friend's apartment house just
before dawn.The police found letters and
diaries, indicating that she had
been depressed over losses on the
stock market, and was "bored with
New York men." She wanted to
rejoin her gay European friends,
but could not, as she was without
funds.Mr. G. M. Fisher, her father,
stated to-day that he had not seen
his daughter since she ran away
from home 15 years ago.Her diaries contain the names of
many men and women in London,
and of other society figures in
European capitals whom the girl
apparently knew intimately.HONGKONG SHARE
MARKET.OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY
STOCK EXCHANGE.Prices were further marked down
this morning, and it is becoming
increasingly clear that the local
market is more and more being
dominated by the unsettled situation
in the North.Sales.
Unions \$400.
Hotels (Old) \$13.40.
Hongkong Loans \$76 3/4 Ex. Div.
Ewa Cottons Tls. 14 1/4.
Star Ferries \$94.
Electricies \$70 1/2.Buyers.
Providents (New) \$2.30.
Chinese Estates \$95.
Electricies \$76 3/4.
Dairy Farms \$29 1/2.
Amusements \$18 1/4.
Constructions (Old) \$5.15.
Constructions (New) \$1.80.
Govt. Loans 3 1/2 Premium.Sellers.
Douglases \$26 1/2.
Locks \$29.
Hotels (Old) \$13.60.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	87.11/16	87 1/2
Geneva	17.11/16	17.15
Berlin	14.9/16	14.62 1/2
Oslo	18 1/2	18 1/2
Helsingfors	223 1/2	222 1/2
Athens	270	265
Buenos Aires	30 1/4	—
Shanghai	1/10.15/16	—
New York	3.46	3.45
Amsterdam	8.54	8.51 1/2
Vienna	32	32
Munich	44	44.9/16
Bucharest	57 1/2	57 1/2
Hongkong	24 1/2	24.70
Brussels	24 1/2	24.70
Milan	60 1/2	60 1/2
Stockholm	17 1/2	17 1/2
Copenhagen	18 1/2	18 1/2
Prague	117	116 1/2
Lisbon	100 1/2	100 1/2
Rio	4.3/16	4.3/11
Bombay	1/16.5/32	—
Yokohama	2/16	—
Montevideo	31	—
Montreal	3.98	3.96
Silver (spot)	19 1/2	—
(Forward) 19.13/16	—	—

—British Wireless.

IN THE CITADEL OF
TITLER.

(Continued from Page 5.)

help themselves . . . No, No,
and No! . . . our greatness . . .
unity and equality . . . So
he goes on, and the mesh of hair
falls across his forehead, and now
the people are shouting approval.
He has stirred some resounding
chord in the German breast.
And with the troops line up,
and with heavy tread, Hitler in
their midst, they march down the
hall, past cheering table after
table, and hands shoot up and
voices cry "Heil" and a section of
the German people thinks it has
found its hero and its champion.
Will that section be disillusioned?strong line, while others were of a
more conciliatory spirit.The committee which will draft
the appeal has been instructed to
steer a middle course.Several members of the Council
of Twelve favored the inclusion
in the appeal of a warning, based
on Article X of the Covenant, and
similar to the recent American
Note, namely that no territorial
changes will be recognized by the
Council.—Reuter.

Swiss President's Appeal.

London, Feb. 16.
At the Disarmament Conference
meetings, resumed to-day, the
Swiss President, M. G. Motta,
made a strong appeal to all
members of the League and to the
United States, to make use of the
Covenant of the League and the
Paris Pact in a final effort to
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THE HISTORICAL NOVEL.

LECTURE TO ENGLISH ASSOCIATION.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern presided at a very well attended meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the English Association, which took place yesterday evening in the Helena May Institute. The Chairman, after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, introduced the lecturer, Mr. N. H. France, Reader in History at the University of Hongkong, who gave a very witty and interesting address on "The Historical Novel." Before the 18th century, Mr. France pointed out, there was no interest in history proper, and not many historians; of these the few serious ones were contemporary accounts of events, and the rest picturesque chronicles which showed no historical sense and were not the result of any careful investigation of the past. There was no attempt in pre-eighteenth century writings to get an historic atmosphere. In the early 18th century the only period of the past considered to be worth serious study was that of Greece and Rome; the rest was a mere interlude of barbarism. The interest in romance which rose during that century was one of the sources of the historical novel. The "Gothic" novel produced by Horace Walpole and Mrs. Radcliffe was its forerunner, but these writers made no attempt to give serious history; their novels were only picturesque, full of horror and elegant romantic sentiment. The historical novel, of which Scott's works may be said to be the first examples, made more serious pretensions to giving truth of history though it did not always do so.

Historical fiction which belongs to the literature of escape from the hard realities of life, and as such is not of the greatest type of literature which never loses touch with reality, had, when it was first produced, tremendous popularity; industrial England was very drab and the "merrie England" legend was born. The peaceful citizen found in tales of the adventurous and chivalric past a compensation for his own dull and peaceful existence. This kind of novel has always been romantic rather than realistic in its treatment of former ages but it is very difficult to write well. The problem of language has seldom been solved successfully. Some historical novelists, like Scott, rely on a reproduction, often exaggerated, of archaic speech which is not convincing, but on the other hand to use bright modern idiom as others do destroys the historical illusion. George Moore's "Eloise and Abelard" is probably the most successful in avoiding the difficulty as the writer's exquisite and formal style is in itself a little archaic and there is no attempt at realism in the conversations.

The history text book has been often compared unfavourably to the historical novel as being "dry stuff" and as not telling how people really lived, but Mr. France's own opinion of the value of the

THREE KINDS OF LOVE.

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those heavy underarm dress shields, and they got sort of smelly, and that, probably, was why she used the perfume. It couldn't be told—like the advertisements. Poor Mr. Hedfern—if he could afford to advertise—Business was so slack, right now. She must insist, to-morrow, that he write again to that man in Seattle. Phil's voice was going on and on. Was Phil, perhaps, doing more than his share of the talking. She listened.

"Roll! This stream of consciousness stuff—simpering at sin, whimsical and coy about wickedness! These young moderns, these worshippers of sophomoric sophistications, squirming their words about, wallowing in sexual discussions and portrayals—roll! You say they'll live? I say that they have never been alive. They've never yelled when the doctor spanked them. They're stillborn. They—"

"But see here," Barry interrupted. "My brief was for the stylized—modern, if you like, though Shakespeare—"

"Shakespeare," Phil seized it, as if Barry had stolen it, and shook it at him. "Shakespeare—"

Underneath Phil's low rolling words Cecily murmured to Ann, "Can't you stop him?"

That was too silly of Cecily. If she wanted anything stopped, why didn't she stop it? Stop her Barry, whose face was red and who looked almost angry. Phil was not angry at all. Phil was merely intense. He always grew intense when the subjects of sin and wickedness and sex came up. Phil, thanks to his mother's excellent training, was something of a Puritan, he said. Ann was glad of it. It made him clean minded, made him honor and respect women—except that well, that other sort. And he pitied them sincerely. He said that he did.

(To be continued.)

historical novel in teaching was that actually it could give a little knowledge in a painless way, but it failed to give a true picture of the life and thought of the past. It tended to ignore unpleasant facts and led to unintelligent idealizing and a failure to see the past in true perspective. Historical fiction is like a fancy-dress ball, modern characters in antique clothing, for it is very difficult for anyone to-day to realise fully the thoughts and feelings of other ages and so make the characters live. Mr. France, after a brief survey of the writings of Scott, Ainsworth, Henty, Dumas and other writers of historical fiction, concluded that none of them had really written great literature. The historical novelist has to rely on actions rather than on character, for the source of his knowledge is not life but books; if his novel is good it is good as an adventure story. Finally why should anyone read or write historical fiction when there are crooks and adventures to delight in modern life, and English literature to reflect naturally and unconsciously the point of view and time of the past?

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self-consciously the point of view and time of the past.

A discussion followed in which Mr. Southern, Professor Simpson, Mr. Braine-Hartnell, and Mr. Charabot took part. After moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, the chairman announced that at the next meeting, to be held in the Helena May Institute on Tuesday, March 1, at 5.30 p.m., Mrs. Southern would speak on "Hans Andersen." The meeting then adjourned.

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HEADMASTER APPEALS TO PARENTS.

AWARDS PRESENTED.

An appeal to parents to realize the necessity of interesting their children in things that stir their intelligence was made by Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale, Headmaster of the Central British School, in presenting his report at the annual distribution of prizes at St. Andrew's Hall yesterday.

In presenting his report Mr. Nightingale said in part:

The number of days, 208, on which the school was opened was greater than that of previous years owing to the adoption of summer hours during the summer months. The maximum number on the roll was 266 (239 in 1930).

The average attendance during the whole year being 211 (141 in 1929, 180 in 1930). The attendance was generally satisfactory, though there were many cases of sickness due to malaria, influenza and dengue fever. The school continues to grow, indeed, I can see no signs of slackening in the requests for admission to this British school.

As I anticipated in my report for 1930, I was obliged to form three classes of over 30 pupils in each, the alternative being the refusal to admit further British children, a step I am always very loth to take, but which may become necessary in the near future. The following figures are interesting as illustrating the growth of this school during recent years:

Average Attendance.—1919, 71; 1923, 105; 1927, 130; 1931, 211.

Old Pupils' Association.

At the annual meeting, held in November, it was decided that the name of the Association should be changed and that it should be known in future as Central British Association. The roll of member-

ship has increased and a rugby section has been formed.

Of the three old pupils of the school studying at the University of Hongkong, Sheila Whitley successfully passed the B.A. degree examination in December. I have received gratifying news of distinctions gained by many of our old pupils who are at home Universities and Schools.

Audrey Hosford successfully passed into Bedford College, the results of her examination qualifying her for the Intermediate Science Certificate of the University of London. G. G. Edwards, our Cambridge 'blue', and J. Vicars at Liverpool are in their final year at the University. J. Tachell has just finished his school career and hopes to proceed to Cambridge in October next. R. A. Gerrard has gained an International Rugby Cup, having played for England against the South Africans.

School Magazine.

During the year we issued the first number of our school magazine edited by Miss Munro and Miss Corbin to whose enthusiasm and success achieved is due. We have now a school badge, the Hon. a school flag and a school motto, 'Honestas ante Honores.'

University Examinations.

The results of the Examinations this year were very satisfactory. The Peace Memorial Scholarship, open under certain conditions, to all British boys resident in China, was awarded to A. H. S. Skinn, Form VI. The Examination being conducted by the School Certificate Syndicate of Cambridge University. This is the first time that the Scholarship, of the value of £1,250, has been won by a pupil of this school. We are all proud of this achievement and we shall follow Skinn's progress at Edinburgh University with great interest.

Of Form VI, five candidates successfully passed the Examinations of the University of Hongkong, four the Matriculation Examination, two gaining distinction in English and one, the Senior Local Examination. The Montargis Senior French Prize for Government Schools was awarded to Stella Bander. Of Form V eleven of the fourteen candidates on the school roll in November were successful, gaining distinctions in English (3), Arithmetic, Scripture and Stenography (2).

At the Annual Examination of Forms IV-I the results were again satisfactory, 72% of the candidates gaining promotion to higher forms.

The following figures show in a very convincing manner the increase in the number of children in these forms during recent years. In 1929, 109 children were examined, in 1930, 153, and in 1931, 180.

Encouragement of Students.

I wish to stress here the advance that has been made at Central British School, in the study of English. We are continually adding to our English library for we realize that the basis for the acquisition of the power of clear, lucid thought and writing, is the encouragement of our young students to cultivate the habit of reading the best in literature. They are taught how to use books and tested, and many, both boys and girls, have begun to realize that their life at school is the beginning of a great adventure worth pursuing in a spirit of discovery. They are discovering the delights of literature, and reports of former pupils, here and at home, show that many have not lost this spirit of discovery but are putting

it into the industry and intelligence developed during their youthful career at school. To-day the things most wished for in any School are these qualities of industry, combined with intelligence. We can have industry without intelligence, but not intelligence without industry.

Appeal to Parents.

I appeal to you who are parents, to realize how great to-day is the necessity that you should interest your children in things that stir a man's intelligence. You should co-operate with us, the teachers of your children for a few hours each day, and supplement our work in your homes. We teachers attempt the building up of character in our schools but much of it will be jerry-building unless we develop intelligent thought and in this task we ask, nay, demand, in the interests of the children, the fullest co-operation of parents and guardians.

In conclusion I thank all the donors of prizes, my Colleagues for their loyal co-operation, and support, and the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church who so kindly gave us permission to use the Church Hall on this occasion. I wish also to thank you, Mrs. Southern, for honouring us with your presence here this evening and for so kindly consenting to distribute the prizes.

A Happy Speech.

At the conclusion of the distribution of prizes a particularly happy speech was made by Mrs. Southern, who said that she did not altogether agree with the writer of a recent article, who said that prizes should be given to the exceptionally brilliant for outstanding work. Most of us go to school in order to get some solid equipment for life, and in this hard world girls and boys and all of us have got to get down to hard work if we are going to add to the prosperity of the State.

Mrs. Southern added that she still retained most vivid recollections of her first impressions of education when she was a pupil and amongst those who had made a deep impression was Dr. Maud Hayden, who had recently written a most powerful book on "Peace". Mrs. Southern quoted an extract which was most apt in view of the deplorable happenings at the present time.

Mrs. Southern referred to the Scouts and Girl Guides, and said that she was glad to see that the Central School still retained the old enthusiasm. They were all sorry to lose Mrs. Lawson, who was going to Shanghai, and who had always taken the keenest interest in the movement. Everyone was glad to see Mrs. Owen Hughes back again.

At the conclusion of her address, Mrs. Southern asked Mr. Nightingale if he would grant the children a holiday, a request that brought forth vociferous applause from the juvenile members of the audience.

A beautiful basket of flowers was presented to Mrs. Southern by Miss Bessie Stevens, and the National Anthem concluded the meeting.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

University of Cambridge School Certificate Examination:—A. H. S. Skinn, awarded the Peace Memorial Scholarship.

University of Hongkong Matriculation Examination:—S. M. Bander, distinction in English; M. Smalley, distinction in English; A. Miller; A. Dobry.

University of Hongkong Senior Local Examination:—J. Woolley;

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STABBING INCIDENT ON THE PEAK.

Hearing was concluded yesterday of the case in which a young amah named Chau Sum was charged with the manslaughter of a cook at No. 112 The Peak.

After the case for the prosecution had been closed, the accused, in a statement from the dock, said that she did not mean to kill the deceased. She was holding the knife in her hand, and she only wished to threaten him so that he would not strike her.

No evidence was called for the defence, and after a short retirement, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, with a strong recommendation of mercy.

The Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) in sentencing the prisoner, said that he accepted the accused's statement that the killing was not intentional, and also in view of the recommendation of the jury, would pass a light sentence. Accused was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

The jury comprised Messrs. H. W. Pomeroy (foreman), J. Lee, J. A. Lindsay, Lam Ming-fun, Walter A. A. D'Amico and R. A. Young.

University of Hongkong Junior Local Examination:—N. Annis; K. Clarke, distinction in Stenography; M. Clarke; M. Gardner, distinction in English; M. McCaw, distinction in English and Stenography; F. Bird, distinction in English; D. Gregory; V. Grunberg, distinction in Arithmetic; W. Maycock; J. Miller; J. Thirlwell, distinction in Biblical Knowledge;

Montargis French Prize (Senior):—S. M. Bander.

Government Scholarship:—Form V J. Thirlwell; Form IV G. Rapp; Form III J. Booker; Form II W. Pryde; Form I L. Kempton; Form IR H. Farmer.

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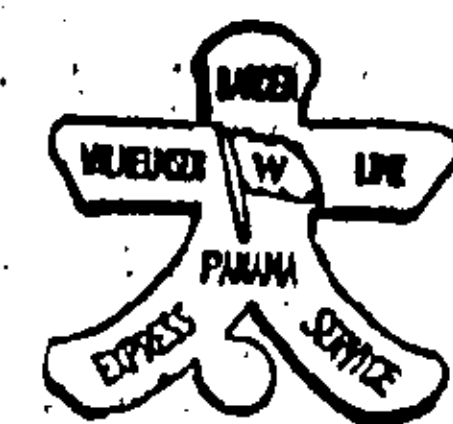
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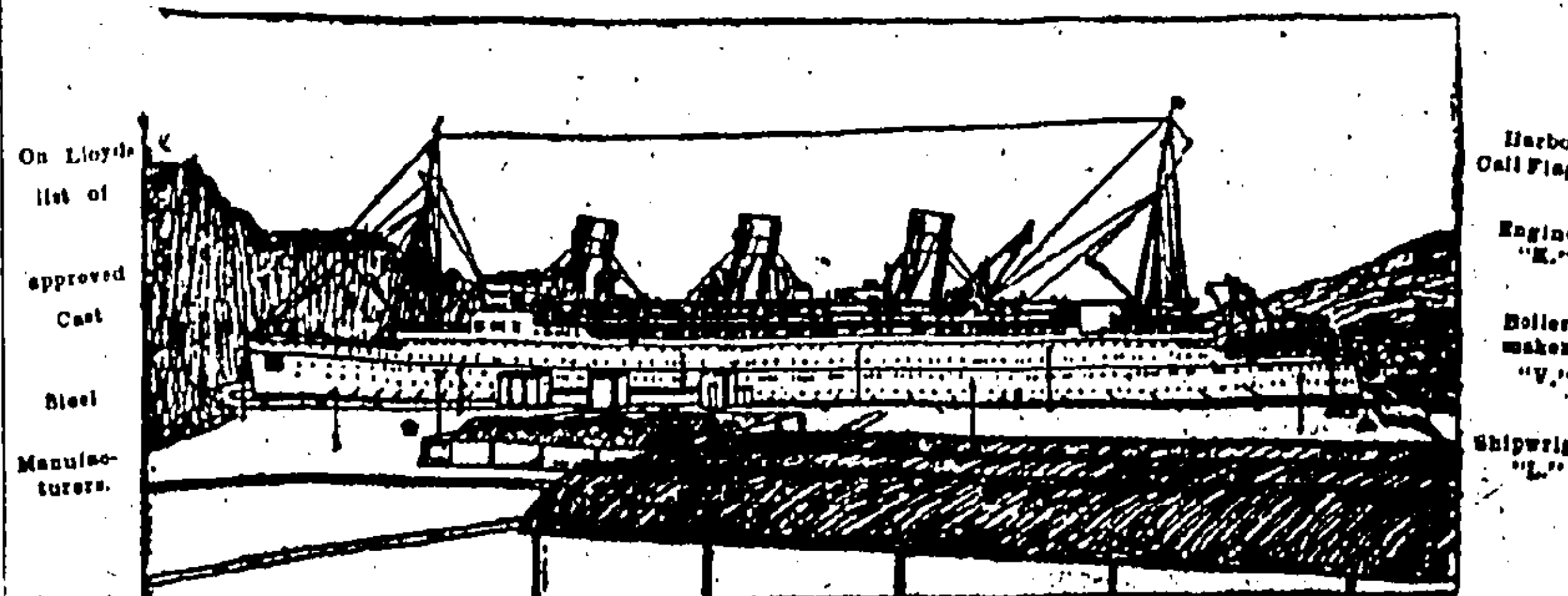
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JUDGE AND WORD "GUARANTEE."

In an Electric Hair Comb case concluded in the King's Bench Division, Mr. Justice Rowlatt awarded the plaintiff the £500 the latter had claimed on the ground that after ten days' use of defendants' comb his grey hair had failed to regain the blackness of its youth, as had been held out in the defendants' advertisement. The defendants had denied liability.

The plaintiff was Mr. Francis Arthur Wood, of Ironwood, Newlands-avenue, Radlett, Hertfordshire, and the defendants, Letrik Limited, of Milton-street, E.C.

Giving judgment for Mr. Wood for £500 with costs, Mr. Justice Rowlatt observed that claims of such a nature had been before the court for many years since the Carbolic Smoke Ball Case.

It is quite clear, he added, that there is no reason in law why a person should not pay to another for the failure of a guarantee. "What did the advertisement mean?" he asked. "It had been contended that there was no contract because it was impossible that the results promised could be achieved."

The Man in the Picture. If a man contracted to do a thing which, so far as all knowledge went, was obviously impossible, the contract was mere nonsense. If a man contracted to go to the moon he was talking nonsense, and the law recognised no contract of that kind. In the present case the question was whether the contract was sensible, having regard to existing possible achievements well known to humanity. "I don't see why anybody should obviously think it is impossible for grey hair to take on its natural hue again," declared Mr. Justice Rowlatt.

Referring to the advertisement, his Lordship pointed out that there was a picture of a man named Martin, whose hair was very thin and grey, and "now, on the tenth day, the greyiness has gone entirely and the hair is its natural brown. Not one comb has failed to do everything we claim for it."

To the ordinary man the advertisement meant, "You shall not have a grey hair left after ten days. If there is, there is £500 for you."

"I don't know that one regards an action of this kind with very great favour," added Mr. Justice Rowlatt, but it is not my business to regard it with favour or disfavour. After all, here is a man who says: 'My hair will be turned to the colour of my boyhood, and if it is not, I will get £500. I will try it. I shall be very pleased to have my hair black again, especially if I get £500 for it.'



A Japanese staff officer is here seen studying a map of the war zone in Shanghai.

ly as I am a very good-looking man. I don't see why a man in all seriousness should not take up that attitude."

"Mr. Martin, of Forest Hill." Possibly, numerous people could have come and said that the comb had made their hair grow brown again from the roots, though the plaintiff was saying it had not done that for him. The defendants might have called Mr. Martin, of Forest Hill, London, whose picture is in the advertisement, but they did not call him.

"Mr. Martin said the comb had done the trick. 'If they called such evidence I should (continued his Lordship) perhaps have doubted whether the plaintiff had gripped at the roots with his comb. As soon as the claim was made the obvious step for the defendants to have taken was to have asked for an inspection of the plaintiff's hair. That was not done. I cannot doubt that the comb failed in its operation."

A stay of execution pending notice of appeal was granted.

CHINESE ACTOR'S THEFT.

Ah Choy Chong (40), a Chinese actor, playing the part of a boy in the "Painted Veil" at the Playhouse, was at Marylebone, fined 40s. for stealing a watch and a ring, belonging to Mrs. Lydia Marshall, of Redhill-street, Regent's Park.

A detective said Mrs. Marshall visited an Englishwoman married to a Chinaman at Stanhope-street. The defendant had a room in the house, and Mrs. Marshall placed her coat in his room.

In the pocket was a pawn ticket relating to the watch and the ring, and Ah Choy Chong took the ticket, redeemed the property, sold the watch to another man at the Playhouse and repawned the ring.

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CHAPEI APPROACH ROADS UNDER HEAVY SHELL-FIRE.

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REINFORCEMENTS.

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Feb. 17, 11.45 a.m.
THE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS OPENED BY THE JAPANESE LAST NIGHT APPEAR TO BE LIMITED TO THE HEAVY BOMBARDMENT OF THE CHINESE POSITIONS, WHICH CONTINUES INCES-SANTLY, THE CHINESE REPLYING WITH ALL GUN RESOURCES.

Shells have been falling on the foreign and Japanese wharves at Yangtszepoo since four o'clock this morning and much damage has been done. One of the two ratings of H.M.S. Suffolk, who were wounded by the shell which hit Jardine's wharf, is reported to be in a serious condition. Shells are also dropping in the vicinity of Robinson and Gordon Roads.

There are rumours of a Japanese attack on Nantao to-night, giving rise to a more serious panic than occurred the other day, while it is reported that the Japanese military command have decided that they must be enormously reinforced before they can launch their infantry attack.

Sixty transports, carrying thousands of new men and more war materials, are reported to be on their way to Shanghai, and indications that more troopships are expected appear to lie in the revival of activity by the Japanese round Woosung Forts.

WOOSUNG ACTIVE.

Some hundreds of Japanese troops left Yangtszepoo for Woosung at eight o'clock this morning. It is believed that the Chinese forces at Woosung are abandoning the Forts and concentrating in strong defensive positions. Numbers of men were seen to be moving from the ruins of the Village yesterday afternoon. The place is still burning, two large fires sweeping through the buildings.

It seems that the Chinese at Woosung are evacuating their front lines, which they have held doggedly against every Japanese advance, but which have been heavily shaken up by constant shell-fire.

NEW CHINESE LINE

They are retiring, it is understood, to a second and far stronger system of trenches, which they are now engaged in consolidating. It is learned that the men in the front line are being given a rest and that the defence of the new line of trenches will be entrusted to another regiment of Cantonese troops, which has not hitherto come into the fighting. The morale of the forces at Woosung is undoubtedly very high.

CHANGHWAPANG.

Observers have been watching Changhwapang in the belief that this would be made one of the main Japanese objectives of attack. There are no indications that they intend to launch big scale operations in this region, however, although bridging materials are assembled in and around the railway workshops. Japanese mechanics have been



Another remarkable picture from the heart of the Chapei battlefield, showing a light gun in action. The immediate vicinity of the gun has its own story to tell.

HEAVY CHINESE CASUALTIES.

NORTH STATION
UNDER FIRE.

TO-DAY'S HEAVY SHELLING.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 17, 12.04 p.m.
Since five o'clock this morning, the Japanese artillery have been heavily bombarding the strongly held Chinese positions to the west of the North Station. Many casualties have been inflicted on the defenders, cover being difficult to find in this district, which has been laid in ruins by the successive bombardments. The Chinese guns are replying desultorily. It is expected that the Japanese guns will be swept across all the Chinese positions in turn before the order to advance is given. The Japanese are keeping their "zero hour" a close secret, but the heavy shelling of last night and to-day suggests that it is not far off.

STOP PRESS.

The naval authorities in Hongkong issued the following communique this afternoon in regard to the wounding of two naval ratings from H.M.S. Suffolk:

"Able Seaman Prior and Able Seaman H. A. Francis, both of H.M.S. Suffolk, were wounded at 5 a.m. to-day by Chinese shell-fire. 'These men formed part of the guard at Hongkew Wharf. They are suffering from multiple shrapnel wounds, and their condition is regarded as critical.'"

ULTIMATUM!

Tokyo, Feb. 17.
Following Mr. Shigemitsu's intimation that hope has been abandoned of persuading the Chinese voluntarily to withdraw, the Japanese Government has authorized the presentation of an ultimatum warning the Commander of the Chinese 19th Route Army that the Japanese will be compelled to use force if he fails to withdraw twenty kilometres north-west of the International Settlement of Shanghai within a specified time. It is authoritatively stated that the ultimatum applies only to the 19th Army and not to Chiang Kai-shek's troops.—*Reuter*.

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Month's War Expected.

JAPANESE VIEW OF
PROBLEM.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 17, 10.40 a.m.
It has been ascertained that the Japanese have landed fifteen thousand troops within the past few days, together with huge stocks of weapons, including heavy-calibre guns. Eighteen light tanks and ten heavy caterpillars have been seen. What is believed to have been the last detail of the preparations for the "push" was the arrival, nearer the base of operations yesterday, of the aeroplane-carriers of the Japanese Fleet, headed by H.I.J.M. Kaga. Three of these mother-ships have brought one hundred and twenty fighting planes up the Whangpoo river.

"A MONTH'S WAR"

Questioned, officers of the Japanese army were unwilling to discuss matters of strategy. They believe that it will take at least a month to complete the campaign. The country over which the fighting will be done—after the Chinese have been driven from their defences in Chapei and Kiangwan—will be difficult to traverse with heavy equipment. An army must move no more swiftly than the slowest unit, state the Japanese officers.

TERRIFIC BARRAGE.

Shanghai, Feb. 17, 10.21 a.m.
The Japanese batteries, field-guns and howitzers, opened up a terrific bombardment, presumably signalling the commencement of the "big show," late last night. The intensive fire from dozens of guns was kept up the whole night through, the Chinese batteries replying steadily. Exceedingly few residents in the Settlement got much sleep, the din being terrific.

NAVAL RATINGS HIT.

This morning, one shell, presumably Chinese, landed on one of Messrs. Jardine's wharves at Yangtszepoo, alongside which was the s.s. Juilwo. The shell exploded, wounded several passengers on the steamer which suffered some damage, and also wounded two British naval ratings from H.M.S. Suffolk, who were guarding the wharf.—*Reuter*.

FUNDS FOR THE 19TH ARMY.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.
A house-to-house collection in San Francisco's Chinatown this afternoon, for funds to aid the Chinese forces in Shanghai, yielded a quarter of a million dollars.—*Reuter*.

WARMING UP FOR THE WRATH TO COME.

TROOPS MOVE
INTO LINE.

KIANGWAN THE FOCUS-POINT.

Shanghai, Feb. 16.
(Delayed).

An assurance that Japanese aeroplanes will no longer fly over the Settlement, is contained in a letter to the Municipal Council from the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Murai. Japanese troops were to-day busy taking over the positions held by the Japanese marines and bluejackets since the "war" broke out on January 28. When the change has been completed, the marines will take over police and patrol duties behind the lines.

STREAMS OF MEN.

Truckloads of munitions, supplies and men streamed towards Hongkew Park all day long. Japanese civilians cheering the troops as they passed. Throughout the day there was only desultory firing, but it seems certain that the next forty-eight hours will witness important developments. Both sides seem equally confident regarding the result of the impending battle.—*Reuter*.

KIANGWAN OUTLOOK.

(Our Own Correspondent.)
The Japanese appear to be planning to make the Kiangwan district the main point of focus for their coming offensive. There is immense activity in this region, large numbers of troops having been conveyed there from Yangtszepoo to-day. A survey reveals that the Japanese and Chinese outposts in the Kiangwan area are less than half a mile apart, though it is noted that the Chinese who were entrenched in the Helang Ying Road a few days ago, found themselves too exposed and have retreated.

HEAVY STRAFING.

While the Chinese are withholding their fire along the Chapei front, the Japanese are rapidly completing the process of substituting troops for marines and bluejackets. Early this afternoon, Japanese artillery commenced an exceedingly heavy bombardment of the Chinese positions along the Kiangwan Road, and no Chinese reply was forthcoming.

PLANES AT LUNGHWA.

A Japanese plane was observed to be flying over the French Concession at 8.55 a.m. this morning, and at eleven o'clock, three Japanese machines were scouting over the Lungghwa area. Intermittent artillery fire commenced at 5.45 p.m. and this still continues.

"BOY" EMPEROR AGAIN.

President of
Manchuria!
INDEPENDENCE
PROJECT.

Mukden, Feb. 16.
Pu Yi, the "boy ex-Emperor" has again emerged as an important factor in the Manchurian situation.

It is believed that it is planned for him that he shall become the first President of Manchuria.

Preparations for the formation of an independent autonomous Manchurian Government are being rushed.

General Chang Ching-huei, the Governor of Harbin, arrived yesterday, General Ma Chun-shun is expected by aeroplane to-day.

THE FAVOURITE.

But Pu Yi is still the favourite candidate for the Presidency, being specially backed by the Manchurian General Hsi Hsia. The present conference at Mukden between the Manchurian leaders is only preliminary, it is believed. It is expected that the inauguration of the new State will take place at Changchun later.

GEN. MA ARRIVES.

General Ma Chan-shan, the defender of the Nonni River, and Taitaihar against the Japanese, arrived at Mukden by air this afternoon from Harbin, to attend the conference scheduled for to-night.

DINES WITH HONJO.

General Ma Chan-shan dined with his recent enemy, General Honjo, the Japanese commander-in-chief in Manchuria, others present being Tsang Shih-yi, the chairman of the Fengtian Government, Chang Ching-huei, commander-in-chief of the Harbin area, and General Hsi Hsia, the chairman of the Kirin Government.—*Reuter*.

SHANTUNG INVASION RUMOURS.

CHINESE TROOPS ON
MOVE.

Peking, Feb. 16.
There is no longer any doubt that considerable troop movements are going on in North China, though their exact significance is by no means certain.

It is understood that the Central Government, whose headquarters are to-day at Loyang, recently ordered the Northern commanders to be prepared for eventualities against Japan, which apparently meant that they were to prepare for possible defensive warfare.

The foreign authorities in Peking still declare that there are no signs of Chinese troops movements along the Peking-Mukden Railway towards Manchuria, or towards Jehol, but it is expected that some Shansi troops will shortly be brought to Hebei or Shantung. In some Chinese circles, it is asserted that the Japanese intend to send a strong force to Hsichow or Tsingtao for the invasion of Shantung, and declare that the Central Government has ordered two hundred thousand troops to concentrate in Shantung to withstand the invasion.—*Reuter*.

SHELL KILLS TWO IN SETTLEMENT.

Shanghai, Feb. 17, 12.34 p.m.
During last night's bombardment, shells fell into the Settlement behind the American lines, killing two Chinese and wounding several others.

During the shelling of the Woosung area, the cable of the Great Northern Telegraph Company was severed, presumably by a shell-burst, and for two hours, Shanghai was without cable communication with the outside world as the Eastern line and the Commercial Pacific were both severed during the bombardment of Woosung Forts some days ago and have not been repaired.

The Northern Telegraph Company, however, got emergency lines working in a short time by reason of the special arrangements made by the Company in anticipation of such an interruption, and this morning the service was working normally.—*Reuter*.

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ECONOMIC CRISIS IN U.S.A.

ROTARY CLUB SPEAKER ON THE REMEDIES.

FREE SPENDING.

An explanation of some of the events which have resulted in the United States feeling the full force of the present world depression was given by Mr. Harper Sibley, of Rochester, New York, who spoke at yesterday's meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club, held in Messrs. Lance Crawford's restaurant, under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

The Chairman, who announced that as next Tuesday would be a race day there would be no meeting of the Club, welcomed the following visitors:—Rotarian H.M. Cavender, Manila, Rotarian Col. H. Cohen, past President of the Melbourne Club, Melbourne, Rotarian P. H. Stevenson, Peking, Mr. W. C. Costin, Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, travelling under a Rhodes Scholarship, and a member of the British Group to the conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations held recently. Mr. A. McKirdy, Hongkong, Dr. C. P. Emerson, Dean of Indiana University, and Rotarian A. A. Brown, President of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey.

Mr. Sibley said that the economic crisis appeared to be particularly acute in the United States. He explained that he was a 100 per cent. believer in industrialisation of a country and in the increase of the machine productivity of a country.

Describing the conditions in the United States, Mr. Sibley said that there had been a tremendous "jag" in the country which had been "intoxicated" during the past two or three years. "We have now found the headache which inevitably must come along."

One reason for the state of intoxication was that American business manufacturers and salesmen believed in the philosophy that profits came from spending rather than from saving. That the way to lay up for the future was to spend freely because, if everybody spent, it created business, and the creation of business led to more business, going round in a circle until prosperity was reached.

Artificial Buying Power.
Mr. Sibley said that the American people had not only got into the habit of spending their income, but through facilities afforded to them by the credit system, many of them had spent the following year's salary as well. By spending in this manner the population had created an artificial buying power.

Another reason for the improved business in those days was that the United States had made tremendous foreign loans most of which were to be spent in the United States, which again enlarged the buying of the people. Through these various agencies business was stimulated beyond the normal income and it was felt that business was on the up-grade and was going to keep soaring indefinitely. More money was made than in normal years and one of the outcomes was that stocks went up.

Stock Investments.
The rise in stocks gave birth to a number of investment trusts. The investment trusts said they could invest money far better than the average person, claiming to know more than the average person did. The result was that a great many people began to buy investment trust securities and they, in turn, went in for stocks, resulting in a tremendous increase in the country's purchasing power in stocks.

The speaker gave an instance of the company in which he had an interest, and said that for years the stock had been standing at

about \$600. They were hoping that one day it would touch \$1,000. During the boom a small parcel of 20 shares were sold and re-sold in the market and one day, when he looked in the papers to see what their stock was quoted at, he found the amazing figure of \$4,500. On that basis the stock was earning about one per cent. That was the situation in the stock market and it gave some idea of the ridiculous prices that were being paid.

The Crash.

After the boom there came the crash in 1929. "If we went up fast," said Mr. Sibley, "we came down a lot faster." It was amazing the way things had dropped in the United States. He did not think anyone who had not recently been there could realise how bad things really were.

In Great Britain, said the speaker, the people were more used to depression. In the United States the depression, following the boom, was like a person who being very tall and vigorous, was suddenly stricken down. "We have not got used to it," said the speaker, "and we are very much upset about it."

Giving figures to illustrate the drop in stocks since the crash, Mr. Sibley said that during the last two years the twenty best railroad stocks had dropped 60 per cent. The twenty best industrial stocks had dropped 65 per cent. The 20 best public utilities (power and light companies) had dropped 76 per cent. At that rate, said the speaker, if one's money was invested in the best stocks in the country, one would lose not less than three quarters of one's capital.

Banks Insolvent.
Out of a total of 25,000 banks in the United States, some 2,000 banks had actually gone into the hands of the receivers, and their liabilities amounted to two billion gold dollars. They were only able to pay eight cents on the dollar.

It was thought that the bottom had been touched by the year 1931, but in that year there were some additional drops. Last spring it appeared that the time was opportune to buy stocks, nevertheless it proved to be anything but opportune. The speaker said that stocks of the New York Central Railroad, which operated through a great series of industrial cities, dropped from \$182 to \$25 a share. Another very big stock, U. S. Steel Corporation, dropped from \$152 to \$36. Another leading railroad stock dropped from \$104 to \$15, and Union Pacific dropped from \$82.05 to \$37.1.

Huge Sum Vanishes.

Mr. Sibley said that the situation was not without its humorous aspect. He instance the case of a man worth about \$350,000,000 before the crash, who died on the eve of the fall in stock prices. Out of his estate he had to pay death duties to the extent of \$87,000,000. This payment was not due until about a year after the death. By that time the value of the stocks held by the estate had dropped so low that the beneficiaries of an estate worth \$350,000,000 found themselves unable even to meet the death duties! The family fortune was "wiped out."

Investors in American stocks had had to write off \$350,000,000,000 in two years! That simply "knocked over" the American people. The bond market went lower than it had ever done for the past 20 years.

As was to be expected, when the crisis came, the people turned to the Government for help, and President Hoover held a conference with some of the leading business men. The Government at first said there was no depression and it was only a matter of a slump in the stock-market. Six months later they said that the depression was almost over. Six months later still they said that the worst was over and that the country ought to be able to show brighter colours in the near future.

Government's Action.

They kept on talking in that way until about six months ago they

realised that the patient was very sick. Since then, President Hoover had come forward with ten proposals, some of the more interesting of which were dealt with by the speaker.

The postponement of international debts, said Mr. Sibley, was one of the proposals. The idea had met with the approval of the business men and the newspapers of America.

Another remedy suggested by the Government of the United States was to raise funds to assist the various banks on which there was a run. The Government Reconstruction Finance Corporation was formed, whereby the bigger banks were enabled to help the smaller ones. The Corporation was formed to underwrite the solvency of thousands of American banks, most of which held securities which were, at one time, standing quite high, but which could not even meet the banks' liabilities to-day. In regard to these securities, it was explained that in many cases the Government had stepped in and fixed a rate where the banks could realise a fixed value on such securities.

Railroad Stock.

A third remedy suggested and introduced by the American Government was in connexion with railroad stocks. The best securities in America, it had been recognised for years past, were railroad stocks, and those securities were held by the leading insurance companies and banks. The railroads were State controlled to the extent that their profits were kept at about five and a half per cent. each year. Since the crash, however, business had fallen off and car earnings had gone down by about one-third. One great railway system, the Illinois Central, which had shown a profit of \$9,000,000 for 1930, showed a loss of \$4,500,000 for 1931, representing a difference of \$13,500,000 in a year. Not only were the railroad companies unable to pay dividends, but some of them were rapidly heading for the hands of the receivers.

The Government Reconstruction Finance Corporation had arranged to pay interest on the railroad stocks to assist stock-holders to tide over the present period and to allay the fears of such stock-holders.

Steps had also been taken to permit the railroad companies to increase their rates to meet the emergency, and railroad employees, rather than face unemployment, had volunteered to accept a ten per cent. cut in their wages.

No Blame.

One feature of the depression, which was very encouraging, said Mr. Sibley, was that there was no blame going round. Capital was not blaming labour, nor was labour blaming Capital, and no one blamed the Government, but the whole country was trying to work out of it together, which was a hopeful sign.

Mr. Sibley concluded by saying that he was a thorough believer in the industrial system for relieving pressure on the land. Population grew daily but not the product of the land, and it was inevitable that the people in the rural areas should find their way into factories. Properly handled, this was not such a difficult problem and he foresaw the day when the machine would do all the work and men would have more time for leisure. He felt sure that when that time came, men would learn to control their leisure.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy thanked the speaker on behalf of the Club.

FRENCH CRISIS.

GOVERNMENT RESIGNS FOLLOWING DEFEAT.

Paris, Feb. 16.
The Government has resigned in consequence of its defeat in the Senate on the Electoral Bill, which aimed at following the British voting system, and included woman suffrage.—Reuter.

RECEIVER SENTENCED.

SEQUEL TO NEW YEAR ROBBERY.

Charged with receiving stolen goods, Ma Chuen yesterday appeared before Mr. Justice Lindell and a jury at the Criminal Sessions, and pleaded not guilty to the indictment.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith prosecuted and the jury empanelled were Messrs. S. H. Hartbridge, (Foreman), F. P. Kennedy, B. Herschend, S. H. Bux, C. Offenbergh, G. Anderson and W. C. Ogley.

Mr. Whyte Smith, in presenting the case for the Crown said the charge was the sequel to a robbery at 165, Portland Street on January 17, in which four robbers took part. It was not suggested that accused was one of the robbers and there was no evidence to that effect. He was charged with receiving stolen goods knowing them to be stolen.

On January 21, Inspector Fallon, a Chinese sergeant and a constable visited No. 231 Portland Street, second floor, where accused lived. The constable remained outside of the house while the Inspector and sergeant endeavoured to gain admittance. They experienced some difficulty in doing so, and the door was finally opened by accused, who, it was discovered was the only occupant.

While the officers were trying to get in, the constable outside noticed a parcel thrown out of the second floor window. He picked it up and it was found to contain three watches, a gold ring and a jade bracelet. Two of the watches and the bracelet were identified as being among those stolen on January 17. From the accused, Inspector Fallon secured a bunch of keys and with one opened a cabinet in the room in which was found a fountain pen case with pencil, which was also identified as being among the articles stolen.

The accused was arrested and when charged replied "They were given to me by Ah Ching. I did not know they were stolen." Evidence proving the robbery and the identification of the watches, bracelet and fountain pen case was given for the Crown, and after a brief summing up, the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Accused was accordingly sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

FROZEN MEAT TRADE.

NEW ZEALAND ENTERPRISE PROSPERS.

London, Feb. 16.
The jubilee of the New Zealand meat trade with Britain was celebrated yesterday in London and in Wellington.
On February 15, 1882, the steamship Dunedin cleared from Port Chalmers with the first consignment of 5,000 carcasses of frozen meat for Britain. This proved to be the foundation of regular shipments, that last year reached the record figure of over 10,000,000 carcasses.—British Wireless.

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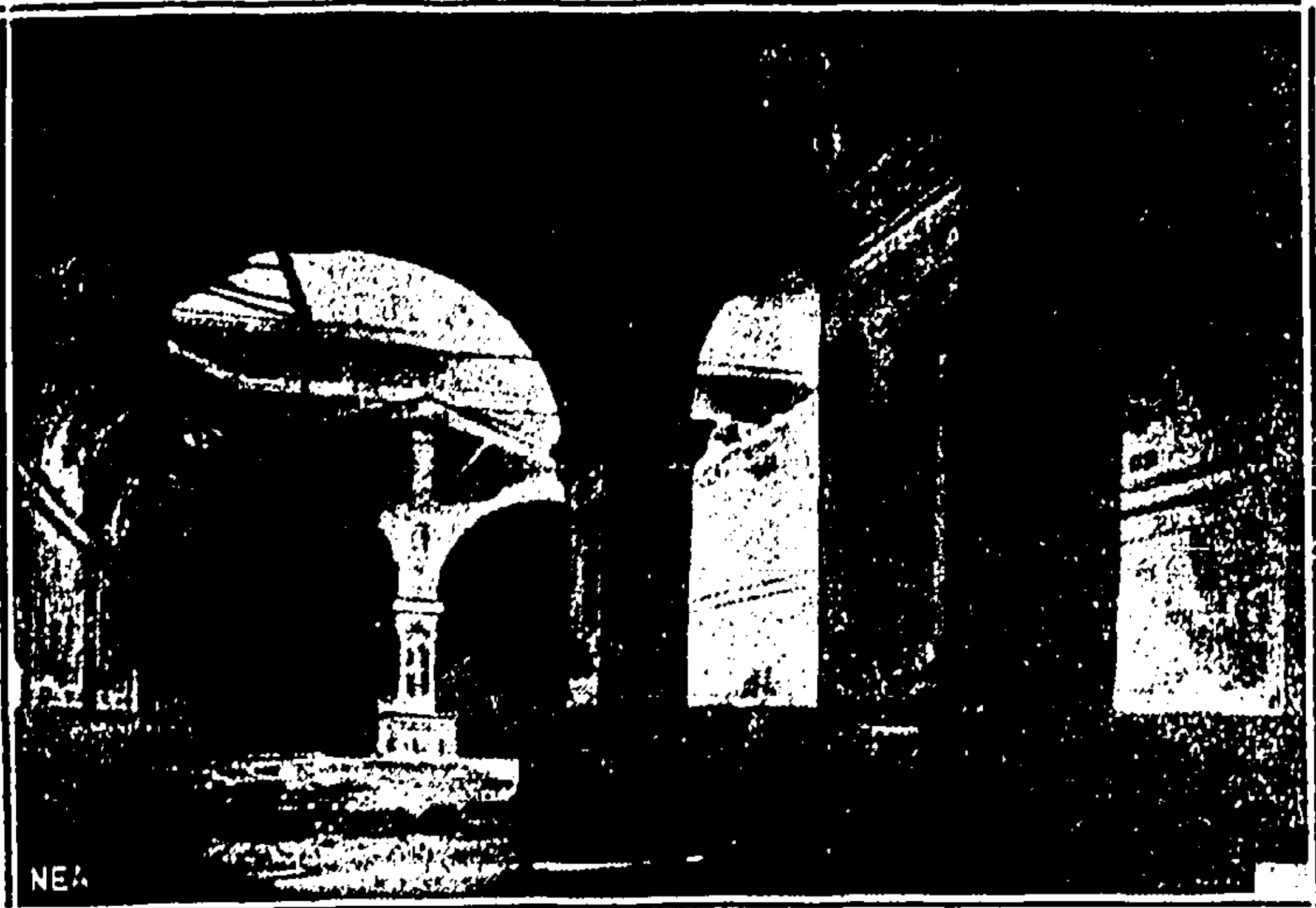
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VATICAN LIBRARY COLLAPSE: EASTON POST OFFICE BOMB TRAGEDY.



Picture showing how the collapse of the roof of the library, housed in the Sixtus V or left wing of the Vatican Palace in Rome, showered the interior with wreckage. Five workmen and Professor Vassaro were killed and priceless volumes and manuscripts were destroyed. The above photo shows how aging timbers cracked in "The Hall of a hundred Days" and allowed heavy beams, slating and supports to crash inside. Note the enormous gap in the roof through which another wing of the Vatican can be seen.



Just a gentle massaging, administered by Henry Coppinger, crocodile wrestler, put this fearsome looking reptile to sleep while an awed crowd looked on—from a safe distance—at Miami Beach, recently.



The shattered interior of a cage in the Easton post office after a bomb exploding, had killed two clerks. Discovery of more bombs in the boxes shown on the ledge, at the right, revealed a plot against prominent Italians to whom the packages were addressed.



Tragedy hovered over this scene. For shortly after the picture above was taken, Charles Weaver (in centre), a bomb expert, was critically injured by the explosion of one of these bomb-laden boxes at Easton, Pa. A few hours before another had exploded, killing two clerks and injuring three others in the Easton post office. At the right is Detective George J. Ryan, and at the left a state trooper, assisting in examination of the fatal packages.

THREE KINDS OF LOVE

by KAY CLEVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TODAY.

Ann, Cecily and Mary-Frances Fenwick live with their grandparents, once wealthy, now so impoverished, that Ann's and Cecily's earnings support the household. The sisters have been orphaned since childhood. The grandparents are known respectively as "Bessie" and "Grand" and they insist on keeping up pretenses of their former wealth. Ann, 22, and Cecily, 22, do secretarial work and Mary-Frances, 18, still in school. When the story opens Ann has been engaged to Philip Eeroyd, young lawyer, for eight years.

Cecily brings Barry McKee home to dinner. It is evident that she is falling in love with him. Mary-Frances has a telephone call from her friend, Fernstrude, who is excited about the arrival of an actor known as Earl De Armand. The two girls make plans to meet him. Phil comes to see Ann. He is late and rather irritable.

CHAPTER VII

In the hall, where Ann could see his frown, he went on. "No. It seems to me that you and I are pushed about, constantly and regardless of our own inclinations, to the tune of other people's whims."

"Not—not whims," said Ann. "Phil shrugged. She hated to see him shrug that way, pretending or, perhaps, actually signifying that nothing was of importance any longer. She began to talk rapidly. "Dear, dearest," she said, "I don't know, but I think most people's troubles are their own faults, unless we switch to the determinists and say that nothing is anyone's fault. I mean—if there is fault it must belong to each person's own self. I was thinking tonight, as I peeled the carrots, you are like the sun to my moon. And when you shine I can shine—reflected light, you know. And when things are all wrong, as they have been lately, and you are sort of hidden from me in the clouds, then I can't shine either. Only—it is more than my shining. Then I'm just not I at all. Nor anything—much. I'm gone."

"Which, resolved," said Philip Eeroyd, dignified young lawyer, "puts all the blame at my door, all the time for not—how is it?—shining."

"No," said Ann desperately. "No. Phil dear, you are so clever and so wise and—I'm not. I shouldn't try similes—metaphors. They don't arrive. But, dear, if you'd try you could understand."

For once compliments failed to mollify him. "I do try," he said. "But nothing ever works out for either of us. Does it? We never—"

"He sighed and added, "I love you, Ann," but to Ann it sounded absent-minded, like "I beg

your pardon" and its ilk. She avoided saying, "Quite all right, I assure you," by saying nothing.

"Well," he reached for her hands. "I'll be running along, then. Good night, dear."

"Good night," she echoed, without the "dear." "But why in the world are you going so early? Cecily will think it's queer if you don't come in and meet her friend."

What did he mean those shrugging shoulders to imply? Patience? (Cecily, in a teasing humour, had said that Phil was as patient as a thumb.) Indifference? She had asked him last week what he meant when he shrugged, and he had answered that it was merely a mannerism, he supposed, and that he was sorry it annoyed her—hinting, however, that Ann was easily annoyed.

He hung up his hat again, and took off his raincoat again, and kicked his overshoes again—Phil never hurried. "I'm afraid," he said, as he slipped down his hair again, "that I'm in no mood for a family party nor for Cecily's friends."

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The music room was lighted only with the piano lamp, and off in a shadowy corner Grand mercifully was dozing. Rosalie, with her back to the light, tossed Philip and Ann a contralto parenthesis and went right on being the alluring blonde belle of South Carolina.

Ann glanced at Cecily and saw that Rosalie and her allure did not matter—that nothing much mattered. Cecil was glowing with a blured radiance that Ann understood. It came along with love, at first, and it came because all outside things were blurred and softened and made beautiful—for the time being.

Cecily, now, could not see that Phil with his six feet and two inches towered above the shortish Mr. McKee. She could not see that Phil, with his smooth hair and his deep, dark-browed blue eyes, and his maturity and manliness, made Barry McKee look boyish and fragile and inadequate. In time, of course, things necessarily emerged from the haze and crystallized into clearly outlined duties, and practicalities, habits, and certainties. Marriage, Ann believed, made this emergence easy, tallies, as it went along, certainties, duties, habits, troubles, into a sum fine and noble, instead of confusing them



Add to the list of 1931 sport champions: George Coulridge, champion coal carrier of England. Here he is with the 100-pound sack of "black diamonds" that he carried for four miles in successfully defending his title against all comers in London recently.



It was a miraculous escape for Mrs. A. Felix du Pont, society aviatrix, when her biplane crashed during a forced landing near Springfield, Staten Island, N. Y. Mrs. du Pont was only slightly injured.

able round of anecdotes concerning the three prodigies, the sisters Fenwick, and Phil sat, and was handsome, and looked bored, bored, bored.

For Phil's sake, and for Cecily's, too, Ann snatched the opportunity offered at the end of Rosalie's story about six-year-old Mary-Frances and her first view of the Pacific ocean ("I had understood," lisped Mary-Frances, as she turned away, "that it was much bigger than that") to tell about the funny man who had gone with them for the Labour Day party to Agate Beach.

"He was a 'steenth cousin of somebody's,' and we none of us understood how he got into our group at all. But there he was, and he liked us less than we liked him, and he complained about the coffee and wouldn't help with any of the work. On Sunday evening, I happened to be alone on the porch, and there was a glorious sunset doing marvellous purple things to the ocean. I called the others, 'Come and see the ocean!' and they all came except this Mr. Whatever-his-name-was. I thought he hadn't heard me; he was in the dining room, so I ran in there and said again, mad with enthusiasm, 'Oh, Mr. So-and-so, come and see the ocean!' He sat stolid in his chair and put back his chin and said, 'I have seen the ocean.'"

Barry's laugh leaped out satirically. But Phil looked bored, bored, bored.

"Did anyone ask him," Barry said, "about York Cathedral?"

Ann did not understand, but Phil opened his eyes wider and leaned forward. "Ahi! You care for the Brontes?"

"Do!! Emily in particular. I've just been rereading . . ."

Ann soon stopped listening. She sat with a small smile fixed on her lips, and was glad that Phil was no longer bored, and that Cecily seemed to have read all the Bronte books, and that Rosalie had been lulled and was nodding in her heliotrope perfume. She had put on a lot of it to-night. Phil said that Rosalie was always ruthlessly perfumed. Poor Rosalie—she wore

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COMING SHORTLY TO THE KING'S



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The distinguished patient has had lengthy talks with Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, leader of the House of Commons, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Dominions Secretary, and Lord Hailsham, Secretary for War, who are shortly leaving for Geneva.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

Further Opinions.

London, Feb. 16.
The Disarmament Conference at Geneva was continued to-day, when the first speaker was Senator Bosch, former Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, who appealed for the abolition of any land, naval and air forces which by their nature were intended for aggression.

He also urged the Conference to draft a Convention containing articles to prevent trading in war material.

M. Motta, the Swiss President, supported all methods of prohibiting aggressive war, or use of chemicals and bombing of civilian populations.—*British Wireless.*

LARGE ENGLISH MAIL RECEIVED.

SIBERIAN ROUTE NOW ALL CLEAR.

Included in the large consignment of mail aboard the M.M. liner Athos II, which arrived yesterday morning from Shanghai, were 61 bags of London mail via Siberia, despatched from London on January 19, 20 and 21. Sixty bags of outstanding second class mail, including newspapers, etc., arrived in London on January 18, and were received.

The Postmaster-General, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, stated yesterday that the route via Siberia was now clear, and no further delay was anticipated. No trouble was now being experienced with the arrival and despatch of Shanghai mail, a large quantity of which was also received per the Athos II.

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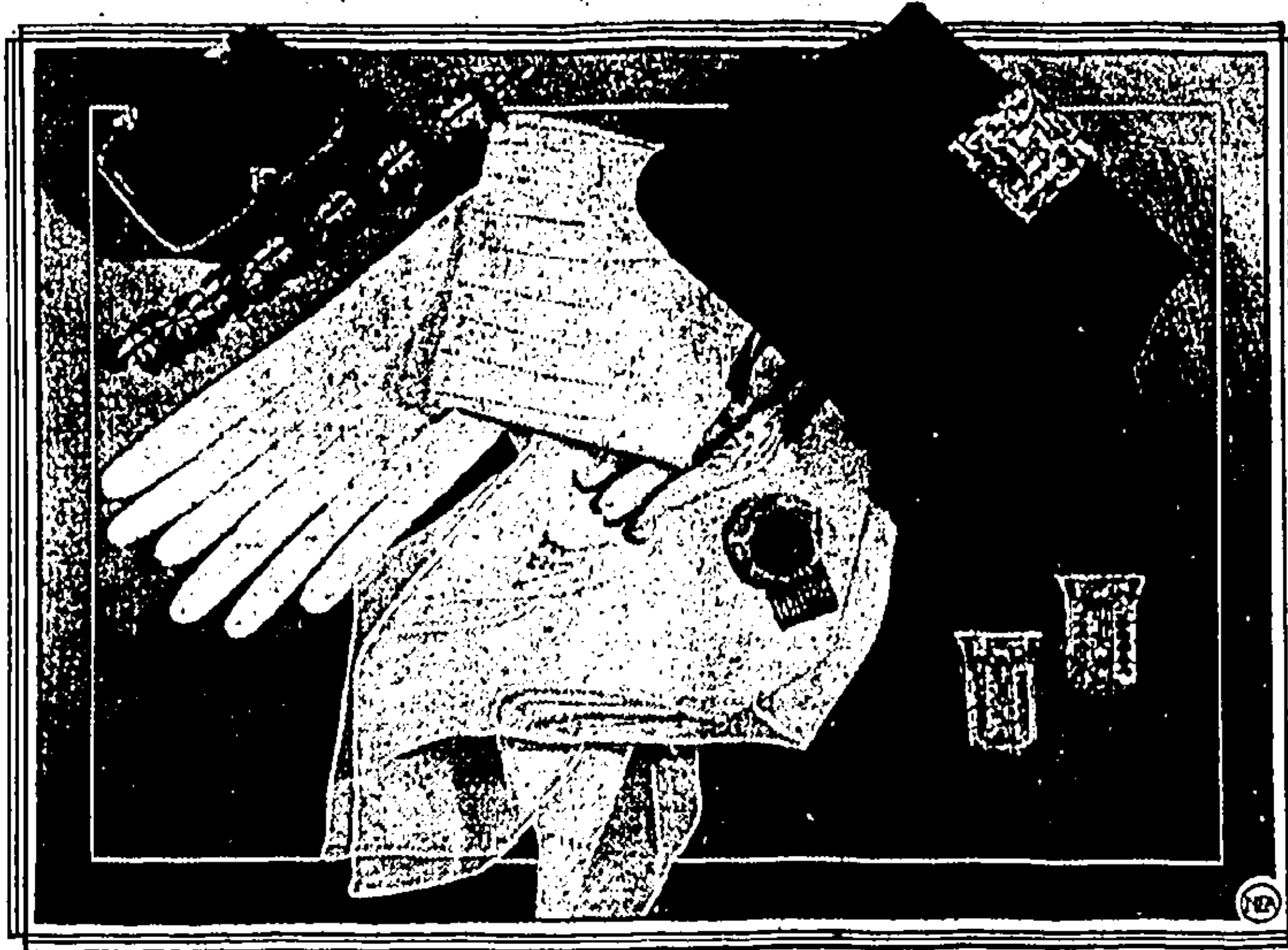


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OUR SIMPLE CHILDREN.

[By a Father.]

The child mind is simple. One word, one thing, is its rule. I asked Elizabeth at tea if she would like a little cake, to be answered with a vehement "No!" Surprised at what was sudden dislike for a hitherto favourite luxury, I sought a reason—and got it.

"I want a big piece!" she cried tearfully. Within its own sphere the single-minded, simple logic of children is unimpeachable. It can make of even infantile arithmetic a perfect work. After much labour we have succeeded in persuading Archie, aged nearly three, that to eat wind-falls from the orchard involves acute internal disturbances. Elizabeth, now in her first term at school, brought home a problem which, possibly because it concerned apples, had fascinated her, though indeed its form suffered during its passage from school.

"If I had five apples and gave you three, what would that be?" Archie was undaunted by the indefiniteness of the question. "Pains!" quoth he, with all the assurance of certain accuracy.

So works the child mind, captivated in its simplicity. But those who actually own children will shake their heads. They know the full and dark truth. The fact is that through the child's innumerable one catches frequent visions of the Old Adam.

Elizabeth is taken to Sunday School by Margaret, some years her senior, to whom we look for all details of times and requirements. Two Sundays ago, acting under instructions, we sent Elizabeth off with some fruit for the harvest festival: last Sunday, amid the thrills of desecration, she informed her mother in a whisper:—

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It is even to be suspected that the Old Adam can actually prompt the child to use its literalness for purposes of sin. A year or two ago, Elizabeth developed a propensity for poking a surreptitious finger into tasty dishes. I caught her at it one day.

"If you touch that jelly again," I warned her severely, "you shall have none."

She fell. A quivering mass alighted on to the table under my eyes.

"Now," I said, "you know what I said?"

"But, daddy," she objected in perfect sincerity, "I didn't touch it at all. Look, it was my spoon."

And so it was! So much for the simple, ingenious logic of children!

TYPES OF INFLUENZA.

[By a Family Doctor.]

The commonest type is that in which a high temperature is the chief manifestation. Again and again I have seen this form ushered in on the first night by a severe nightmare. There is severe headache with aching, restless pains mainly in the back and down the limbs. An interesting and frequent symptom is great soreness of the scalp—nothing to see, but, extreme discomfort on using brush or comb. The appetite is lost, the throat is sore and there is a dry cough, the eyes may be inflamed and the eyeballs very painful. The temperature usually remains up four to six days, and the patient is very weak.

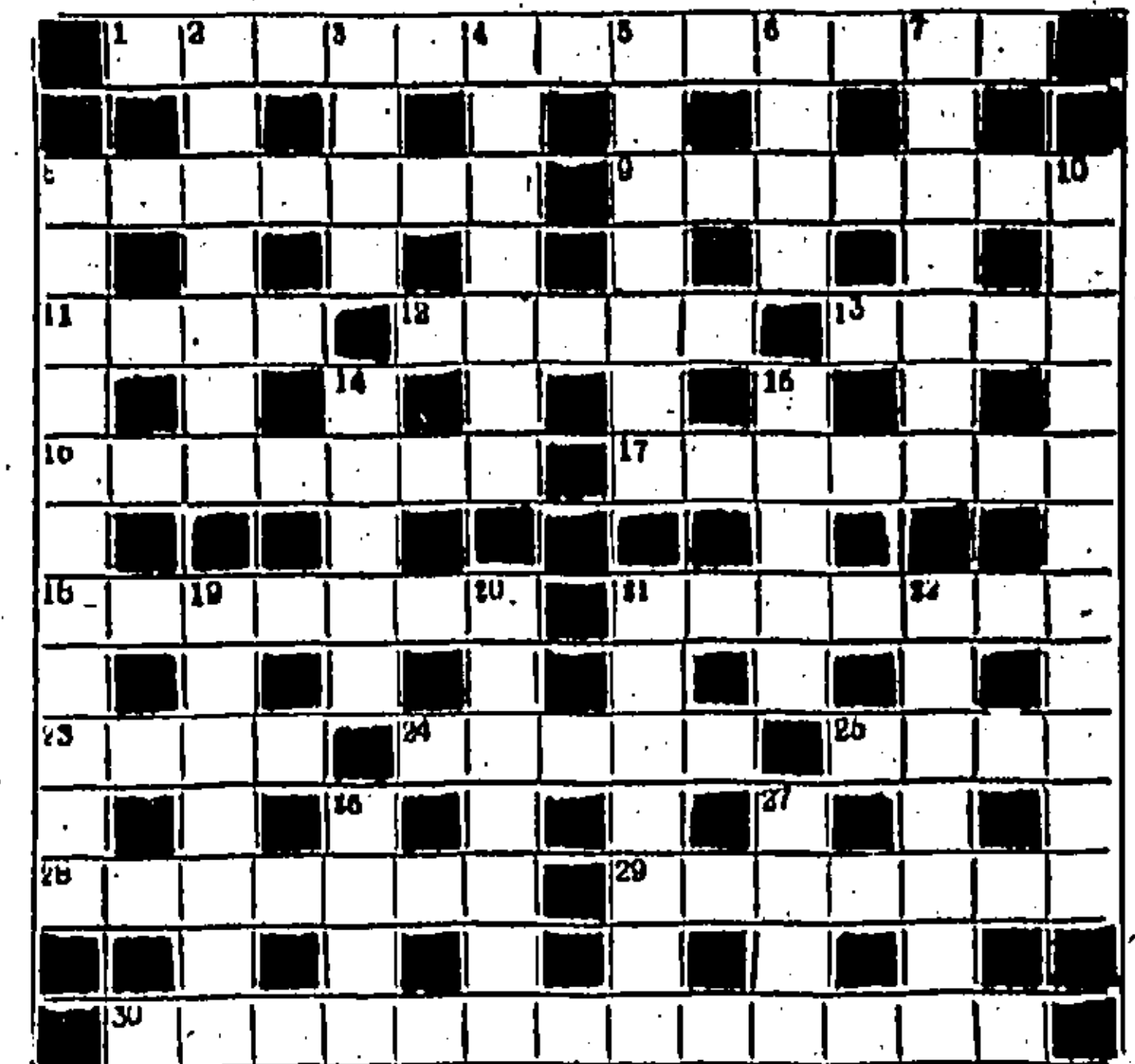
The gastric type is less common. Again the suddenness of the onset and the high temperature. But here the symptoms are vomiting, nausea and pain in the stomach, with diarrhoea. In the epidemics, especially the great ones, the so-called respiratory type of flu is perhaps the commonest. In this there is sore throat, hoarseness, pain in the chest and a difficult, tight, painful cough. There is an acute bronchitis which is very liable to progress to pneumonia.

And, finally, in the great epidemics there is also the "malignant" type of the disease, which is almost invariably fatal. The patient is stricken down suddenly and utterly prostrated. There are no very definite symptoms for they have no time to develop, the patient succumbing to a generalised poisoning of his whole system. Fortunately, this form is comparatively rare.

SOUTHERN SUNDÆE.

Mix together 1 large cupful drained crushed pineapple, 1 large cupful finely chopped salted peanuts and six finely chopped Marshmallow cherries. Serve a liberal spoonful on each serving of ice cream.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 "Think, stranger," about these old paladins (anag.).
- 8 Though not a classical passage, this appeals to the dentist.
- 9 You will have no difficulty in finding an Irishman in this Glasgow suburb.
- 11 This man knows how to bat.
- 12 Knock down.
- 13 Might, in short, be either a boy or a girl.
- 16 Lazy rascal!
- 17 One always may be sure of finding a servant in these public places, so why worry the agencies?
- 18 Drawn in and mixed up in this, I handle the whole thing.
- 21 Might describe a lover or only his clothes.
- 23 When in this the matter is still under consideration.
- 24 All we need at last—and that's slight.
- 25 Put this in front of me and take for granted.
- 26 One condescends about a shilling in such projects.
- 29 "Can't you see that notice, 'No Fishing Here'?" "Don't you—it look at these!"
- 30 A famous Welshman in the Middle Ages (two words).

Down

- 2 A chemical salt reminiscent of the fee for a trunk call after 7 p.m.
- 3 It takes a boy to be so happy.
- 4 Chattered.
- 5 A feat indeed.
- 6 Excellent, and not at all dense.
- 7 Nor is this.
- 8 Ornamented.
- 10 Scottish strait (three words).
- 14 Old Greek coin.
- 15 Nautical stop.
- 19 Used by the woodworker, as 23 saw.
- 20 An old maid.
- 21 The rightful Duke of Milan's slave.
- 22 Impure.
- 23 Here horses go up.
- 27 Hitch-pitch.

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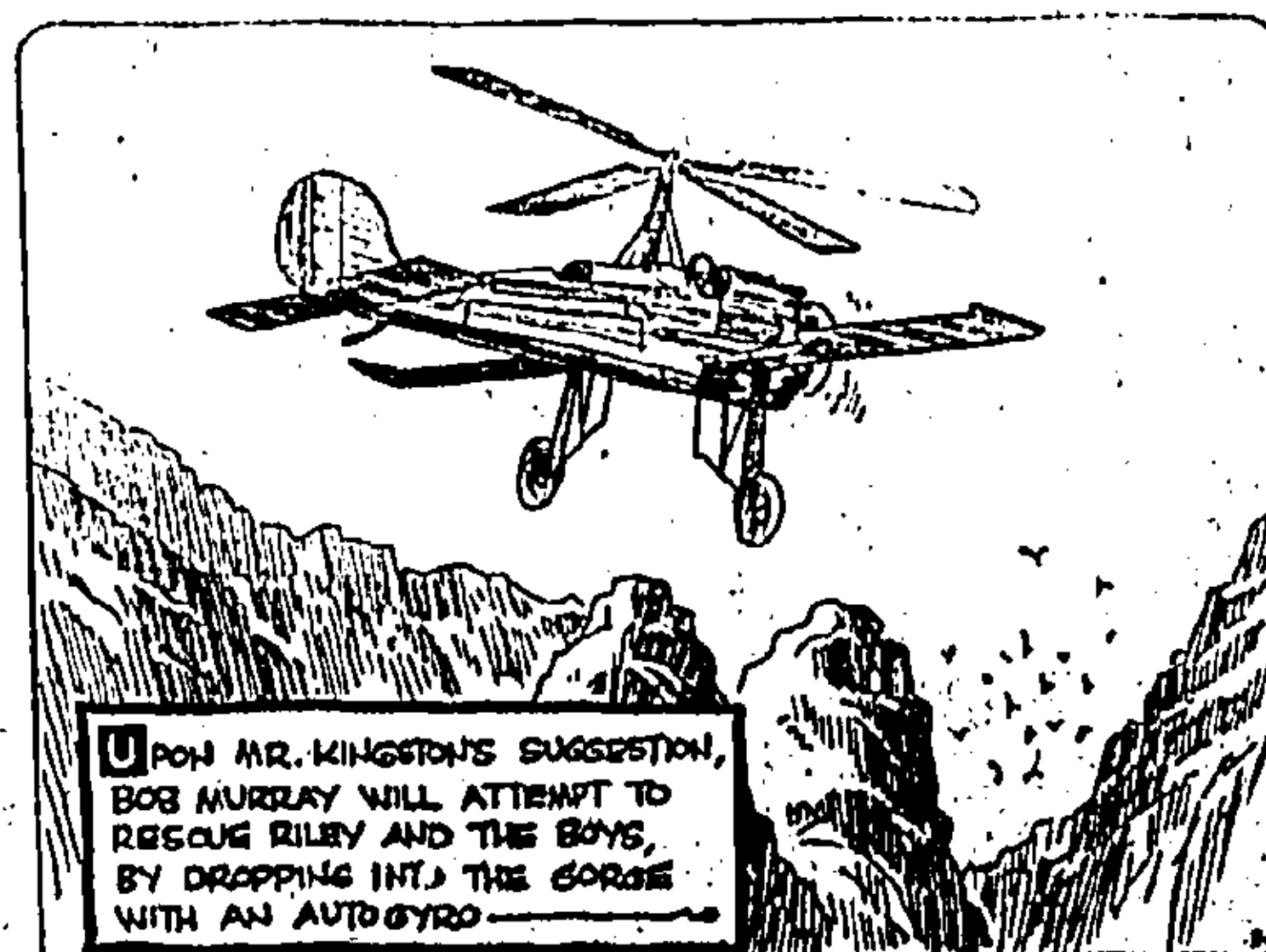
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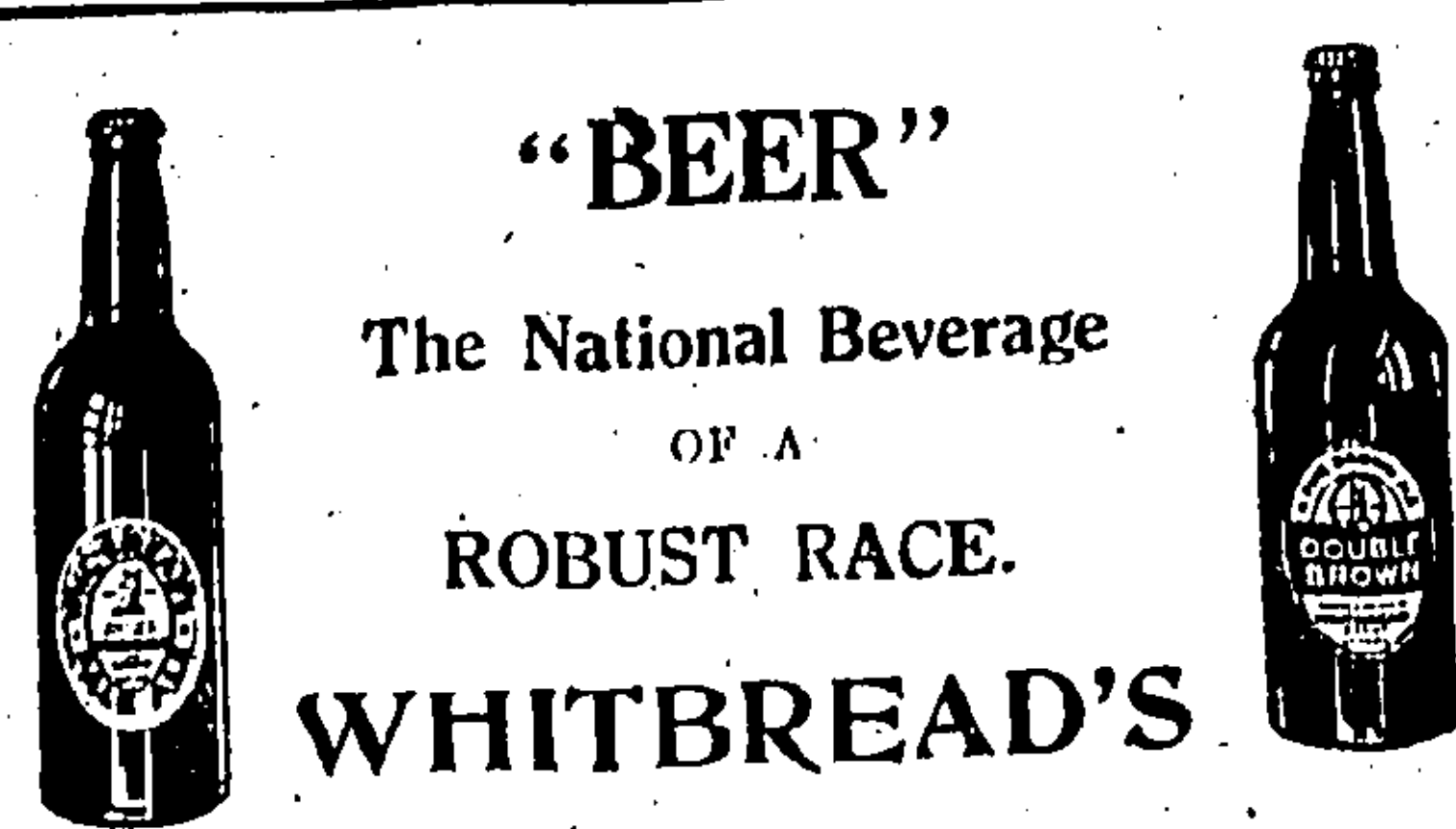


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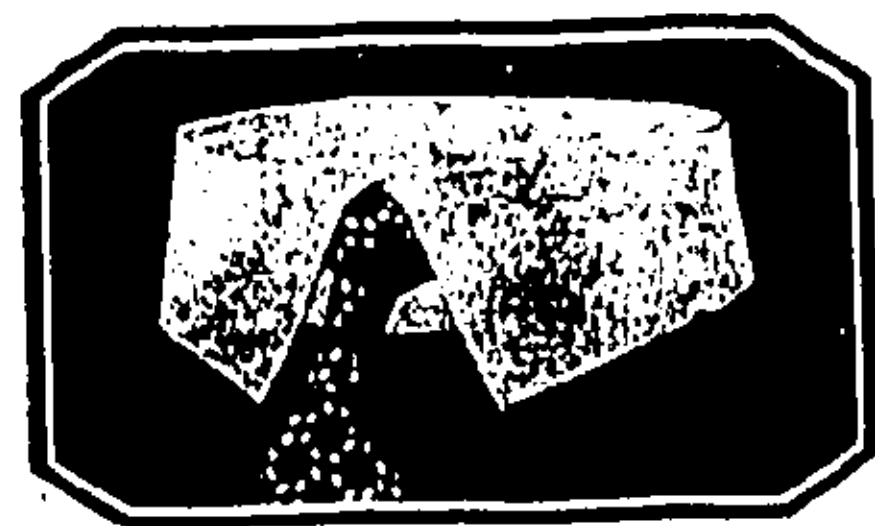
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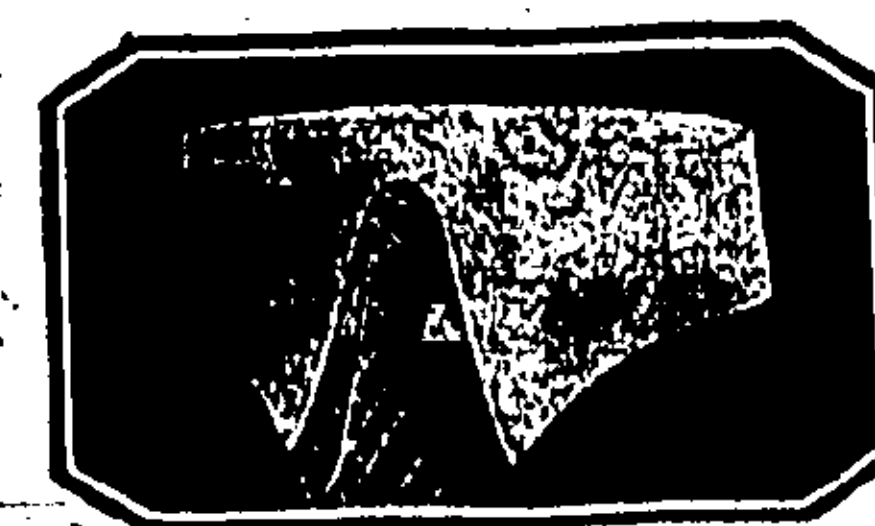
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DEATH.

ROCHA—Andrew, Lisola, Rocha, wife of R. L. Rocha, Dearly mourned. Funeral at 4 p.m. today.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1932

CIVIC WORK.

"The year's work of your Committee has not been without its quota of disappointments and problems unsolved, but something at least has been accomplished, and we are able to claim many improvements in the amenities of Kowloon as the result of our endeavours." In these modest words, does the annual report of the Kowloon Residents Association summarise its activities for the past year. A glance through the text of the report, as well as the appendices which contain details of the correspondence on an amazing variety of subjects, gives a far more vivid idea of the matters which have been handled during the twelve months. With a record of more than ten years to its credit, the Kowloon Residents Association occupies a somewhat unique position. The general experience in the past has been for new organisations to spring into being, blossom into prominence in the first flush of enthusiasm, then gradually languish and finally disappear. So far from this being the case with the K.R.A., it has gone on from strength to strength, until to-day it is a more "live" and active body than at any time during the period of its existence. Its officers are men who have taken on a definite job of work, a job which has no end, and who show no signs of wearying in the self-imposed task. They are animated with one single aim—the improvements of the amenities of life across the harbour. In this work, all classes and races unite, thus demonstrating the spirit of concord in an essentially practical manner. All find a common platform in seeking to further communal well-being.

In the past year, the Association has continued to work on lines which past experience has shown to be wise. The committee does not set itself up in the role of expert grousers; rather is its policy one of taking note of deficiencies in civic matters, inven-

ting complaints from residents and, by means of co-operating with the authorities, seeking to remedy genuine grievances. Working along these lines, it has during the past year engaged itself in such matters as bathing, hospital and postal facilities, traffic issues, children's playgrounds, New Territories produce, police and fire protection, and a host of other subjects touching on the amenities of the mainland. The correspondence contained in the report shows that satisfaction has been obtained on the majority of these questions, much to the benefit of residents of the peninsula. One point which we are afraid is likely to be overlooked is the value of such an Association in offering advice and suggestions to the Government. These are based on actual experience by those on the spot, men who know the needs of the community far better than Officialdom ever can do. Many Government projects which may be admirably conceived often lack this background of personal experience with the real necessities, and it is here that such an Association as the K.R.A. is able to be of the utmost value both to the Government and the community.

When we look back over the history of the Association, we can see ample evidence of its utility and of the results of its activities. Without such a body, the community's complaints would merely be voiced in individual grumbling, leading nowhere and accomplishing nothing. In place of this, we have considered thought given to the problems of the peninsula, followed by appropriate action conducing to the community's welfare. A moment's cogitation along these lines should suffice to convince every resident of the peninsula of his duty in lending the Association every support.

English—an Oriental Language.

Remarkable to some of our tourist visitors is the fluency with which the Chinese express themselves in English. It is not realised until they have been here for some days that English has developed into the second language. This is true not only of China but also of Asia; indeed, it may be called the continent's lingua franca. A common tongue is necessary even within national limits in Asia. India is the example most often used, but in China, too, the homogeneity of the country is tempered by a confusion of dialects. It is true that the written language of China has a nationwide application, but often the employment of writing is inconvenient, as, for instance, on a car or a bus, where it is not uncommon to see an educated Chinese conversing with the ticket collector in pidgin English. In consequence of this demand for a medium of speech, the quest to learn English exceeds in eagerness the pursuit of any other learning. In Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan enthusiasm knows no bounds. Lingular diversity is not the explanation in this case, but a realisation that English is the passport to business preferment in a world which is being steadily organized on a Western basis. On the theory that practice makes perfect, the Oriental neophyte will dash in where linguists fear to tread, with amusing results. The following letter—culled from a Chinese newspaper—which was sent to a foreigner by a Chinese business house, is a good example: "However by explanation of the facts and presentation of our company's certification, they could make free from holding and reach after two days. Hoping you would deduce the misreports of the newspaper caused you some trouble and ask us further in need." Even if he were told of his mistakes, the writer would not be nonplussed; instead, he would use the correction as a spur to his gallant quest for progress until he had reached the fluency which is the subject of comment wherever Orientals come in daily contact with Occidentals.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon approved of the form of notice submitted, prohibiting spitting in eating houses, and granted an application for the registration of a kiosk near No. 1, Wongnolchong Road as a dairy. Other business was of a formal nature. Those present included Mr. G. R. Sayer (Chairman), the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. G. W. Pope), Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. R. A. de Castro Busto, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. J. H. Gelling (Secretary) and Mr. J. Hargreaves (Assistant Secretary).

DAY BY DAY

TO PREPARE US FOR COMPLETE LIVING IS THE FUNCTION WHICH EDUCATION SHOULD PREPARE FOR DIRECT SELF-PRESERVATION, FOR CITIZENSHIP, FOR THE MISCELLANEOUS REFINEMENTS OF LIFE.—Spencer.

Bert and Alice, Australia's famous burlesque and character dancers, after a most successful season in Shanghai, are now performing in the Rose Room at the Peninsula Hotel.

The President and Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a donation of £20 (at 1s. 6d. = \$270.42) from the ship's company of H.M.S. Kent.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Robert Walter Lane, of No. 8 Kelmessett Gardens, Shanghai, and Miss Mary Anne Storey, who is travelling out to Hongkong on board the s.s. Patroclus.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Kowloon Residents Association is advertised to be held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Friday, February 26, at 6 p.m. to be followed immediately by the twelfth annual general meeting.

A fisherman who was using dynamite for fishing off Sai Kung yesterday had his right hand badly injured and was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital. The victim, Shek Chan-ho, aged 25, was a member of a fishing crew on board boat No. 1035 V.

Mr. W. C. Costin, who was a guest at yesterday's Rotary Club luncheon, is a Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, and is at present travelling under a Rhodes Scholarship. He was a member of the British Group who attended the recent conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations. He has recently arrived in Hongkong from Japan and will travel home by way of Indo-China. He expects to be back in England about the middle of April.

Transferring from Kowloon to Wanchai, Harman's Circus last night gave their opening show on the new pitch to a large and thoroughly appreciative audience. All the features contained in the programmes given in Kowloon were repeated with great success, and the artistes were all vociferously received. There is no doubt that Harman's Circus will enjoy as successful a season in Hongkong as it did on the Peninsula.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treth and Co.

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In the Citadel of Hitler.

By SISLEY HUDDLESTON.

MEDIEVAL Munich charmed me. I walked much in its old streets and across its cobbled squares and looked upon its gothic buildings and ate in its low-arched cellars. Life in these ancient German cities, I thought, somehow does not change fundamentally, and Henry the Lion, who founded Munich in the twelfth century, would not disown modern Munich. "Let us," said my companion, "go to Hitler's meeting to-night." And then I wondered whether Henry the Lion, after all, would approve of modern Munich. For I remembered that just as Camille Desmoulins had jumped on a table in Paris and by crying "To arms!" had started the French Revolution, so Hitler, a few years ago, had tried to start his putsch in a Munich cafe. "A quiet Old World city," my companion had told me; but do things like that really happen in quiet Old World cities?

Hitler had failed, but his failure was the foundation of his success. His movement, which now tries to keep within the law, but is nevertheless directed against authority, as at present constituted, has grown enormously; there are 60,000 Germans who will vote for Hitler's candidates and there are 107 Hitlerites elected to the Reichstag. But Hitler has always remained faithful to the Bavarian city of Henry the Lion, and here is his citadel.

I had seen his headquarters, Hitler House, as it deserves to be called; I had watched him and his lieutenants at work; but now it was proposed that I should see him, surrounded by his bodyguard, arousing by passionate speech by enthusiasm of a vast crowd. Yes, that was the Hitler I wanted to observe; not Hitler the organizer, but Hitler the orator. "It's in a working-class district," remarked my companion; "and if there are Communists there may be trouble." It is true that at Berlin and in other large cities there have been fights between Communists and National Socialists as the Hitlerites are designated; but at Munich, at Munich the quiet Old World city, such violent events were almost unthinkable.

So we went, and our optimism was justified. Rarely have I been present at a more orderly, a more attentive, a more earnest public meeting. Imagine one of those large halls in which Germans gather to eat, talk, read the newspapers, listen to music—a vast unbroken floor space without nooks or corners or immense oblong which the eye can survey at a sweep. This floor space was covered with long tables at each of which two dozen persons could seat themselves; for the German is nothing if he is not gregarious, and does not ask to sit by himself or to be put out of view.

Thousands of us were waiting for Adolph Hitler. In the meantime we were consuming pumpnickel and cheese, or munching pretzels. We would continue to nibble at our pumpnickel and our pretzels even when Adolph the Lion was coming. Everywhere the swastika. These hook crosses were conspicuous on the walls, on the platform.



"I never seen such a dull to wn. Why, back in the village there wasn't a minute the boys weren't up to something interesting."

But see him now on the platform. There stand by him on either side two sentinels in khaki shirts. They are perfectly still. Their heels are together, their bodies upright, one hand carefully placed on the seam of their knickerbockers, the other on their belt. They stare straight before them; fixed rigid features, firm-set eyes. It must be hard to hold that attitude for long, but they do not budge.

After some time—it may be a quarter of an hour—they are relieved. Two other young men step forward, salute, make a half turn, and the relieved picket abandons his post. Flanked then by two sentries, Hitler speaks. He begins slowly, cautiously, but he warms to his work and is truly eloquent. It is an eloquence which is based chiefly on scorn, on sarcasm, on mockery. How he belabours the orthodox parties! How he makes even this staid, attentive German audience laugh and cheer and become enthusiastic! It veritably feels that salvation for Germany, oppressed by unjust treaties, oppressed by non-German financiers, oppressed by speculators and insincere politicians, is to be found in a revival of Germanic consciousness. These folk have suffered, they have passed through war, through revolution, through inflation, through unemployment; and they are ready to blame everybody, at home and abroad, who has participated responsibly in the successive events.

Hitler is curious to watch. He is dressed in black, which emphasizes his slenderness; he dances backward and forward; he bows and leans sideways with grace; he moves his arms like a ballerina; he is indeed a master of deportment—almost, one would say, a dancing master. He is on tip-toe; his knees are bent; his foot flashes as he takes a step and then another step. As for his face, it is strangely mobile; there is scorn about the mouth, there is strength in that sudden setting of the jaw; the eyes, which turn frequently and show the white, are rather dull, but they convey humour, indignation, and aspiration by their rolling.

And his voice is excellent; it is deep and rich and changing; it is mostly grave, and now and again shrill; it takes on all inflections, and it is a pleasure to hear it. (Continued on Page 8.)



Photos show a wounded Japanese marine being brought in by Red Cross men in the recent operations outside Shanghai.

A VLADIVOSTOCK INCIDENT.

TWO JAPANESE ARRESTED.

Riga, Feb. 16. A great military revival campaign is being organised by the Soviet Government in connection with the celebrations of the fourteenth anniversary of the establishment of the Red Army, beginning on February 20.

The official programme for the festivities dwells upon the dangers in the Far East and the intention to prepare to defend Soviet territory against aggression.

The Soviet newspapers now publish the story of an incident in which two Japanese were involved, at Vladivostok on January 17, when the Soviet military arrested Mr. Sakabe and Mr. Sienoku Mito, both secretaries in the Japanese Consulate, for attempting to gain access to the Dalavoid Works.

Both have since been released, *Reuter*.

VIOLATIONS OF COVENANT.

NO RECOGNITION BY LEAGUE.

Geneva, Feb. 16. After a long discussion, the League Council decided to adopt Sir John Simon's suggestion that another appeal be made to Japan to refrain from hostilities.

The meeting of the Council lasted from five o'clock until 6.30. It was decided to address an appeal forthwith to Japan, reminding her of her obligations under the League Covenant and urging a cessation of hostilities.

The appeal was communicated to the Japanese delegation this evening and will be published tomorrow.

It is two pages long and covers much the same ground as the declaration of the President read at the last meeting of Council, and refers to Article Ten guaranteeing the territorial integrity of members of the League, pointing out that no violation could be recognised.—*Reuter*.

DUCE'S DAUGHTER IN SHANGHAI.

TELEGRAM TO THE POPE.

(*Reuter's Special Service*).

Rome, Feb. 16. The Pope has to-day received a telegram from Signor Mussolini's daughter, Edda, and her husband, Count Ciano, the Italian Consul-General in Shanghai.

The telegram is the sequel to a special inquiry by the Pope for news of the Countess Ciano, during his recent audience with Signor Mussolini, when he assured Duce of his daily prayers on her behalf.

"BIG SWORDS" IN SHANGHAI.

STREET FIGHTING TO-DAY.

Shanghai, Feb. 17. Judging by the Japanese preparations it would appear that they will commence their general offensive from districts north of Kiangwan Road. Chinese sources state that thousands of Japanese soldiers are taking up positions in the trenches which are only a few hundred yards from the first Chinese defensive line. A resumption of street fighting in this district is considered inevitable to-day. No further attempt was seen

THE POISON GAS FABLE.

JAPANESE USE OF SMOKE-SCREENS.

Washington, Feb. 16. An emphatic denial that the Japanese are intending to use poison gas in their operations around Shanghai has been issued by the Japanese Military Attaché.

"I have received information from the Japanese General Staff," he says, "that the Japanese forces have never used poison gas and have no intention of using it in the future."

"Our troops are equipped with devices for laying smoke-screens, which are only a means of covering their movements. The smoke set up does not contain any poisonous elements." *Reuter*.

OFFICIALS KEEP ON TALKING.

DEPRESSION OVER WASHINGTON.

Washington, Feb. 16. Sir Ronald Lindsay called at the State Department again to-day and conversed at some length with Mr. Clegg, the Under-Secretary of State, who also talked with Mr. Claudel, the French Ambassador.

The feeling of depression in official circles regarding the Far Eastern situation persists. It is believed that there is little hope that the Japanese will refrain from a large scale attack unless the Chinese voluntarily withdraw, which is most unlikely.

Shells dropping into the Settlement is a matter giving rise to increased anxiety, but Washington officials believe that the Consuls are doing their utmost to protect the foreign concessions. *Reuter's American Service*.

CHINKIANG AFFAIR.

CLASH ON WATERFRONT.

Nanking, Feb. 17. The Foreign Ministry is negotiating with the Japanese Consular authorities for the settlement of an incident at Chinkiang where some Japanese marines clashed with the Chinese soldiers.

The Japanese naval commander communicated with General Ku Chiu-tung, demanding a personal apology from the Chinese commander and compensation.

The ultimatum expired yesterday and the Japanese commander is threatening to take action to obtain satisfaction. Nanking officials are endeavouring to settle the incident with the Japanese Consul in Nanking. The situation in Chinkiang is critical. *Reuter*.

NAVAL PROMOTION.

REAR-ADMIRAL JONES ADVANCED.

London, Feb. 16. The Admiralty announce the following promotion: Rear Admiral William Jones to be Rear Admiral Commanding the Battle Cruiser Squadron, in succession to Vice Admiral Wilfred Tomlinson, *undated*.—*British Wireless*.

Local Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone central over N.E. China has strengthened further. Local forecast:—East winds, strong; fair.

made by the Japanese to cross from Wantao, where the Chinese soldiers have a very strong defensive position.

The Chinese defenders were greatly reinforced yesterday by the arrival of a full division from North China and the "big sword" regiments from north-western China which are believed to be under the command of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang. *Reuter*.

BRITISH TARIFF MEASURE.

PASSES ITS SECOND READING.

BANKER'S VIEWS.

London, Feb. 16. The House of Commons to-night defeated an Opposition Labour motion for the rejection of the Import Duties Bill by 451 votes to 73. The Bill was given a second reading.

During the debate, Sir Robert Horne welcomed the fact that it provided a means of retaliation against any country which discriminated against Britain, and said the Bill would bring freer trade than this country had enjoyed for the last two generations. It was a measure which could be built a scientific system, which would be formed by the proposed Advisory Committee.

Dealing with the list of exempted goods, he suggested that a fair criterion to apply would be that if Britain and the Empire together or separately did not produce enough to supply the needs of British manufacturers, then *prima facie*, at least, the commodity concerned should be exempted from duty.

Coal Duty in France.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Runciman, stated that the French Government had informed Britain of a decision to exempt British coal from the imposition of the 15% surtax.

The question of the application of the surtax to other goods remained for further consideration. The announcement was greeted with cheers, and a Conservative member observed:—"Is not this the first illustration of the result of our tariff policy?"

Answering various questions, Mr. Runciman said it is the Government's intention to continue to use the powers they had under the Abnormal Importations Customs Duties Act, if it became necessary to do so, although he could not indicate what might be included in any future order. *British Wireless and Reuter*.

BALANCING THE BUDGET.

THE LATEST FIGURES SATISFACTORY.

London, Feb. 16. The weekly Exchequer receipts issued to-night are again highly satisfactory.

Last week's revenue amounted to £33.7 millions, and as expenditure was only £8 millions, the surplus on the week totalled £25.7 millions. This reduced the deficit during the week from £100 millions to £74.3 millions. The deficit last year at the present date was £98 millions.

Income tax and surtax receipts continue satisfactory. The revised Budget contemplated a total from those sources of £345 millions, of which £265.3 millions had been received up to Saturday. Thus £79.7 millions remain to be collected before the financial year ends on March 31st, whereas last year the amount outstanding at this date was £115 millions.

Since January 1st, the Exchequer has received £107.5 millions, compared with £117.5 millions in the corresponding period of last year from these sources.

Customs revenue is also showing a weekly increase and £13 millions more were received than at the same date last year. *British Wireless*.

THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS.

OFF TO PALESTINE NEXT WEEK.

London, Feb. 16. The Prince of Wales to-day flew to Bournemouth, and on a farewell visit to the 1st Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers, of which he is Colonel-in-Chief. The Battalion leaves for Palestine next week. *British Wireless*.

Appearing on a summons for failing to take proper precautionary measures for the safety of pedestrians, Mr. A. W. Miller, in charge of the work of repairs being carried out on Alexandra Building, was cautioned by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistrate's court this morning.

Sergeant Woods prosecuting, said debris fell from the roof of the day after he had warned defendant. He was not pressing the case. Appearing for the defendant, Mr. M. A. de Silva explained that Mr. Miller had warned the workman, but unfortunately he was taken ill and was absent on the day of the alleged offence.

DEFENDANTS FAIL TO APPEAR.

FISHERMAN HOLD UP SESSIONS.

BRIBERY CHARGE.

Two fishermen, Lam Hoi-yip and Lam Hoi-ko, failed to appear on bail at the Criminal Sessions this morning to answer a charge of offering a bribe of \$50 to Inspector G. A. Stimson at Aldridge Bay, Shaokwan, and the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. Hui Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. Hall, appeared on behalf of the defendants and Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith attended for the Crown.

To Mr. Justice Lindsell, Mr. Lo said the defendants were not in court because unfortunately they had left the harbour to go fishing. He asked his Lordship to appreciate the position and to adjourn the case to a convenient date. He had advised the second defendant to plead guilty to the charge and the first defendant to plead not guilty, and he felt sure both men fully appreciated the position before they left for their fishing.

Mr. Whyte Smith, in reply to the judge, said that he did not wish the defendants' bail to be estimated as he thought it would impose rather a severe hardship.

His Lordship decided to adjourn the case until to-morrow to give time for the men to return, but intimated that the proceedings would be held over until the next Sessions.

WEAK MORTAR.

CONTRACTOR FINED \$500.

The Cheun Lee firm of building contractors were fined \$500 by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court to-day on a P.W.D. summons for using weak mortar in the construction of three buildings, all of three storeys, in Cheong Ming Street, Wongsichong.

Mr. J. Dobson, an engineer of the P.W.D., told the Court that the cement plaster being used for the walls could be crushed in one's hands.

Replying to a statement by the defendants, his Worship observed that if he left the work in charge of a subordinate and then expected the public to live in the buildings, he was looking for very serious trouble.

SAVED LIFE OF GOVERNOR.

A KNIGHTHOOD FOR BRAVERY.

London, Feb. 16. H.M. the King has been pleased to approve the conferment of a Knighthood on Lieutenant Colonel Hassan Suhra Wardy, Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University, who was largely instrumental in saving the life of Sir Stanley Jackson, Governor of Bengal, when an attempt on his life was recently made by a girl student. *British Wireless*.

PREMIER'S GOOD PROGRESS.

LEAVING NURSING HOME TO-DAY.

London, Feb. 16. The Prime Minister will probably leave the nursing home to-morrow, having made good recovery from his operation. He may attend the usual Wednesday Cabinet meeting, and will remain in London for a few days before leaving to take the three weeks' rest ordered by his doctors. *British Wireless*.

THAMES STRIKE TO END.

RESUMPTION EXPECTED TO-MORROW.

London, Feb. 16. The strike of Thames lightermen and tugmen is expected to end as the result of negotiations proceeding between the men and employers.

Work will in all probability be resumed on Thursday morning. *British Wireless*.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts have received a cable from their Shanghai office stating that the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., are paying a final dividend of T\$1.35 per share (making T\$1.05 for 1931) and carrying forward to next year's account T\$90,000.00.

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King of Jazz-Selection.
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Fanny Face-Tell the Dog.
Leslie Henson and Male Quartette. 9592.

Folly to be Wise-Selection.
Percival MacKey and His Band. DX219.
Rio Rita-I'd Rather Have a Memory of You.
Geoffrey Gwyther and Edith Day. DX54.

7.30-7.50 p.m. From the Studio.
Mrs. H. M. Broadbent will conclude her lecture on "Twenty Years in Burma".

8.00 p.m. (Local Time and Weather Report).
7.50-8.12 p.m. Octels.
Second Movement from "Symphonie Pathétique" (Tchaikovsky arr. Robertson).

Scene de Ballet (de Berlioz arr. Sear).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octel. 9325.
Putting the Clock Back (arr. Squire).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octel. DX68.

8.12-8.33 p.m.
Ma Mere L'Oye (Mother Goose) (Ravel).
Walter Damrosch conducting the New York Symphony Orch. 9510-9518.
8.33-9.00 p.m. Variety.
An Old Time "Sing-Song".
Descriptive with Charles Coburn in the Chair. DX21.

Song-If Winter Comes.
Billy Bennett (Comedian). DX13.
Xylophone Duet.
The Royal Pageant.
The Famous Barnardo Musical Boys. 4494.

Descriptive Sketch.
A Day's Broadcasting.
Clapham and Dwyer. 4745.

9.00-10.00 p.m. (approx.).
Relay of the Debate from the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon. The Motion—"That Modern Youth is Fulfilling its Responsibilities".
Speakers:
Mr. E. F. Sak.
Mr. A. R. Brown.
Mr. T. J. Price.
Mr. W. J. Keates.

10.00-10.18 p.m. Orchestral.
Schubertiana (Schubert arr. Finck).
Herman Finck and His Orch. 9480.
Tchaikowskiana (arr. Hand).
Paul Whiteman and His Orch. 9470.

10.18-10.30 p.m.
Rugby Mid-day Press News and Board of Trade London Letters.

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STARVATION TOWN.

THE DOGS EATEN.

Vienna, Jan. 13. The upper Austrian town of Steyr, once the flourishing centre of the iron industry, is now a town of starving unemployed, hungry beggars and underfed children. It has been reduced to this condition by the discontinuance of the production of small arms since the war, the ban on the exportation of motor-cars and cycles to neighbouring States, and the general economic crisis.

A large part of the population of 22,000 is compelled to live on begging, and the bankruptcy of the town is imminent.

Inmates of charitable institutions are allowed to leave the homes on Fridays when they go begging from house to house. Among the beggars are an ex-vice-burgomaster and former merchants and manufacturers.

Children have founded begging organizations, while adult beggars have divided quarters of the town among themselves, so that collisions are avoided.

Families of as many as 12 are living in one unheated room, lying on straw, without bed clothes.

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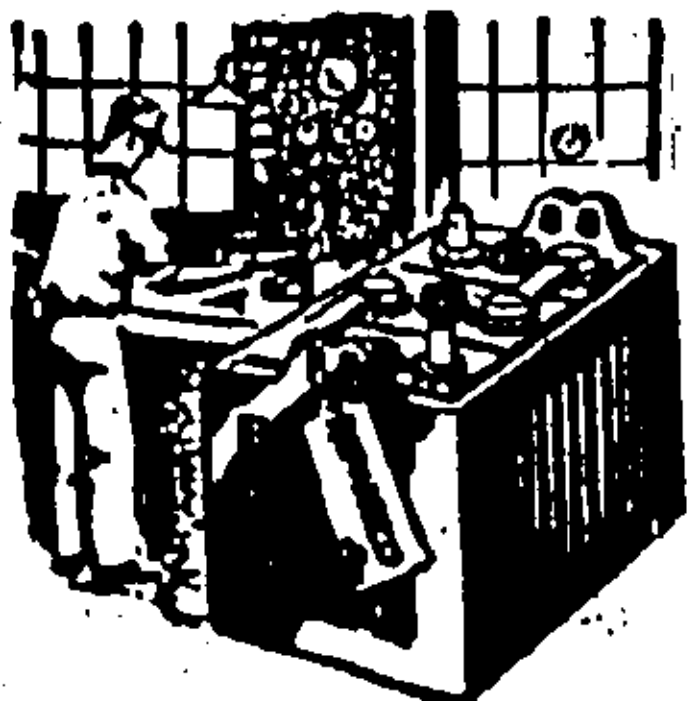
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A PROMISING TENNIS
PLAYER.

YOUNG CHINESE GOOD FORM.

E. C. Fincher negotiated his first hurdle in the current open men's singles tennis championship yesterday, when he defeated K. H. Wong with the loss of one game. The match offered little interest to the spectators, though a big "ring" surrounded the court to watch the exchanges.

Tsui Wai-pui, one of the most promising of the young Chinese competitors, was never extended against S. A. Gray, though he showed enough of his form to suggest future success. He will probably meet H. D. Rumjahn in the third round and should win, in which event he would in the following round oppose E. C. Fincher. This will probably prove Fincher's stiffest proposition before the quarter-finals.

H. D. Rumjahn was far from physical fitness when he took the court yesterday, but he won with ease against his less experienced opponent, D. D. McKay, though the latter revealed a pleasing style and a knowledge of the game which should serve as an excellent basis for future improvement.

Only three matches in the first round now remain for decision, and they are included in this afternoon's programme. If the weather holds good there is every prospect that the first and second rounds in the competition will, for the first time, be completed in the opening week of play.

The results in detail were:
Open Singles.
(First Round).

E. C. Fincher beat K. H. Wong 6-1, 6-0.
Lee Wai-tsoi beat G. W. A. Taitton 6-0, 6-3.
F. Grosse beat P. C. Koh 6-2, 6-4.
Tsui Wai-pui beat S. A. Gray 6-1, 6-0.
G. Lal beat C. E. Holmes 6-1, 6-6.
H. D. Rumjahn beat D. D. McKay 6-1, 6-3.

To-day's Programme.
No. 1 Court:—Lee Wai-tong v. J. G. Lecky.
No. 2:—A. V. Gosano v. Yew Man-ki.
No. 3:—H. N. Lee v. Lu Tak-cheuk.
No. 4:—J. A. E. Casembuy v. E. T. F. Nash.
No. 5:—S. A. Rumjahn v. H. N. Chau.
No. 6:—L. T. Ride v. A. H. Harkins.
No. 7:—T. C. Monaghan v. Tsui Yun-pui.
No. 8:—E. W. Ralston v. M. K. Lo.
No. 9:—A. L. Sullivan v. F. D. Pereira.

SERVICES CRICKET.

R.A.S.C. DEFEAT THE
MEDWAY.

Playing at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, the R.A.S.C. defeated a team from H.M.S. Medway by three wickets. Batting first, the naval team made 73 against some steady bowling by Whitley, who took four wickets for 22 runs and Gray, who claimed three victims for 23 runs.

The R.A.S.C. passed this score for the loss of seven wickets. Whitley giving an all-round performance by scoring 46 runs.

H.M.S. Medway.
E. R. A. Manwaring, b Whitley 11
E. R. A. Varley, b Gray 3
E. R. A. Spiers, b Whitley 11
P. O. Scott, c Keene, b Whitley 2
L. L. Mills, c Funnell, b Gray 25
S. B. A. Pooley, c Keene, b Kate 0
Sto. Sykes, b Gray 0
Lt. Commr. Barry, b Whitley 0
C. P. O. Hubbard, c Buckland, b Sudd 18
Lt. Commr. King, c Beresford, b Kate 8
Tel. Austin, not out 1
Extras 1

Total 78
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Whitley 8 23 4
Gray 4 22 2
Kate 3 10 2
Sudd 2 1 1

R.A.S.C.
Gray, c Spiers, b Sykes 21
Sudd, c Barry, b Pooley 12
Keene, b Pooley 4
Buckland, c Hubbard, b Pooley 7
Kate, c Mills, b Whitley 46
Whitley, b Spiers 40
Crowder, b Spiers 13
Funnell, b Spiers 0
Lazenby, c Spiers, b Manwaring 0
Beresford, not out 0
Randall, not out 0
Extras 11

Total 117
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Scott 4 15 3
Spiers 12 4 28 3
Pooley 9 17 1
Sykes 5 1 5
Austin 1 5 1
Manwaring 3 13 1

FRIENDLY HOCKEY.

HONGKONG H.C. SECOND
TEAM FOR MONDAY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI against the Radio Sports Club on the Club ground on Monday at 5 o'clock:—R. W. Sapsed, E. V. Reed, L. F. Nicholson, H. J. D. Lowe, E. G. S. Dale, J. E. Kealey, L. A. R. Dunlop, S. Hill, W. A. Nowers, L. G. S. Robertson and S. J. H. Fox.

Signals Defeat Police.

The Mamak hockey tournament match between the Royal Corps of Signals and the Hongkong Police, played on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday, resulted in a victory for the former by 4 goals to nil.

SHANGHAI ON
TIPTOES.AWAITING THE JAPANESE
BIG PUSH.

PLAN INDICATED.

Shanghai, Feb. 16, 4.30 p.m. Shanghai is waiting with nervous expectancy for the big offensive which the Japanese are expected to launch on Thursday morning.

While there is every indication that Chiang Kai-shek, who is at present in Nanking, is striving for a peaceful settlement, the adamant attitude of the Japanese military authorities and the pressure of less far-sighted Chinese leaders is forcing him to prepare for war.

In this connexion five Chinese army corps are concentrating in the Shanghai-Nanking railway area with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang as Commander-in-Chief of the forces in the field.

The possibility is visualized that the Japanese forces, 20,000 strong, after capturing Chapei, will find themselves confronted with 100,000 Chinese troops to the west of Shanghai in country where the Japanese are likely to be heavily handicapped by the frequency of tidal creeks impeding their movements, while the lightly armed Chinese troops have an intimate knowledge of the country and being treble in number will be able to put up a desperate resistance to the Japanese attack.—*Reuter.*

Japan's Policy.

Tokyo, Feb. 16. "Send all the men needed and withdraw as soon as the task is completed—that is my policy," the War Minister is quoted as saying in connexion with the possibility of further reinforcements being required in Shanghai.

While it is still hoped that the present force will be sufficient to drive back the Chinese 19th Route Army, if it refuses to withdraw voluntarily, officials are clearly worried, as they feel they are between the devil and the deep sea. On the one hand they recognize the serious consequences if the Japanese meet with a reverse through an insufficiency of numbers, while on the other they are anxious to avoid the despatch of further reinforcements owing to financial difficulties and the liability of increasing apprehensions abroad.

In the meantime it is indicated that as the Japanese troops are unable to make a direct attack without endangering the International Settlement through artillery fire, they are likely to attempt an encircling movement, hoping thereby to compel the Chinese to withdraw through a threat on their line of retreat.—*Reuter.*

A Melancholy Welcome.

Shanghai, Feb. 16, 4.30 p.m. The Japanese troops arriving on the last transport to reach Shanghai had a most melancholy introduction to the war. As they streamed down the gangway in full fighting kit, coffins containing the bodies of their dead comrades were being hoisted aboard for shipment to Japan.

The proceedings were watched by the sailors aboard H.M.S. Suffolk, one of whom expressed the general sentiment by exclaiming: "We never would have done this." Enquiries at the hospitals in the Shanghai area reveal that 3,500 Chinese war casualties, both soldiers and civilians, have been attended to since midnight of January 28.—*Reuter.*

Still Appealing.

Geneva, Feb. 16. The League Council, after an hour and a half of discussion, decided in principle to address an appeal to Japan to reach a pacific settlement with China.

Left to the Assembly.

The Council will hold a further meeting at 6 p.m., when a decision will be taken upon the text of the appeal as to whether the appeal shall be made.

A public meeting of the Council is fixed for February 18, when a decision will be taken to the special Assembly will be taken. It is also understood that as an appeal has now been made to a special meeting of the Assembly, the Council decided that it would be unnecessary to discuss the second report from the Shanghai Commission, as this should more properly come before the Assembly.

The Japanese delegation has received instructions not to object to the Assembly meeting, on the grounds of procedure, but to let events take their course.—*Reuter.*

A Middle Course.

Geneva, later. The League appeal to Japan for peace was originated by Sir John Simon, who considered that now the peace efforts by the four Powers had resulted negatively, it would be desirable to make an appeal on behalf of the League.

An animated discussion resulted from some members advocating

FELL SEVEN
STOREYS.

SOCIETY GIRL'S FATE.

New York, Jan. 13. Miss Mildred Fisher, a 32-year-old society woman, said to be well-known in New York, London and Paris society circles, was killed to-day when she jumped or fell from the seventh-story window of a friend's apartment house just before dawn.

The police found letters and diaries, indicating that she had been depressed over losses on the stock market, and was "bored with New York men." She wanted to rejoin her gay European friends, but could not, as she was without funds.

Mr. G. M. Fisher, her father, stated to-day that he had not seen his daughter since she ran away from home 15 years ago.

Her diaries contain the names of many men and women in London, and of other society figures in European capitals whom the girl apparently knew intimately.

HONGKONG SHARE
MARKET.OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY
STOCK EXCHANGE.

Prices were further marked down this morning, and it is becoming increasingly clear that the local market is more and more being dominated by the unsettled situation in the North.

Sales.
Unions \$400.
Hotels (O'K) \$13.40.
Hongkong Land \$764 Ex. Div.
Ewo Cottons Tls. 14%
Star Ferries \$94.
Electricity \$70%.

Buyers.
Providents (New) \$2.30.
Chinese Estates \$95.
Electricity \$76%.

Dairy Farms \$29%
Amusements \$18%
Constructions (Old) \$5.15.
Constructions (New) \$1.80.
Govt. Loans 3% Premium.

Sellers.
Douglases \$26%
Locks \$29.
Hotels (Old) \$13.60.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	87.11/16	87% 17.15
Geneva	17.11/16	14.52% 18%
Berlin	14.9/16	22% 22% 22%
Oslo	18%	22% 22%
Helsingfors	27%	22%
Athens	39%	22%
Buenos Aires	34%	22%
Shanghai	1/10.15/16	3.46 8.01% 32
New York	3.40	8.01% 32
Amsterdam	8.54	44.9/16 57% 24.70 6% 17%
Vienna	32	116% 109% 4.3/11
Madrid	44	109% 4.3/11
Buenos Aires	1/6.5/32	3.98
Yokohama	2/0%	3.98
Montevideo	3.1	3.98
Montreal	3.98	3.98
Silver (spot)	19.3/16	19.3/16
(forward)	19.3/16	19.3/16

IN THE CITADEL OF
TITLER.

(Continued from Page 6.)

help themselves . . . No, No, and No . . . our greatness . . . unity and equality . . . So he goes on, and the mesh of hair falls across his forehead, and now the people are shouting approval. He has stirred some resounding chord in the German breast.

Afterward the troops line up, and with heavy tread, Hitler in their midst, they march down the hall, past cheering, table after table, and hands shoot up and volleys of "Heil" and a section of the German people thinks it has found its hero and its champion. Will that section be disillusioned?

strong line, while others were of a more conciliatory spirit.

The committee which will draft the appeal has been instructed to steer a middle course.

Several members of the Council of Twelve favoured the inclusion in the appeal of a warning, based on Article X of the Covenant, and similar to the recent American Note, namely that no territorial changes will be recognized by the Council.—*Reuter.*

Swiss President's Appeal.

London, Feb. 16. At the Disarmament Conference meeting, resumed to-day, the Swiss President, M. G. Motta, made a strong appeal to all members of the League and to the United States, to make use of the Covenant of the League, and the similar to the recent American Note, namely that no territorial changes will be recognized by the Council.—*Reuter.*

NEW TRAMWAY
RECORDS.DIESEL ENGINES
PROPOSED.

NEW CAR SHED.

Fresh records for traffic receipts, passengers carried and miles operated were established by the Hongkong Tramways, Limited, during the past year, declared the Chairman of Directors, Mr. A. B. Stewart, when he addressed shareholders of the company at the annual ordinary general meeting to-day. Increased operation costs, however, due to the low exchange, had prevented a record profit.

In a long speech covering the Company's operations, Mr. Stewart announced the decision to erect an additional car shed and to fit some of the Kai Tak chassis with Diesel engines.

"In the speech from this chair three years ago," said Mr. Stewart, my predecessor informed you that the traffic receipts for the year (1928) with which he was dealing constituted a record and I am privileged to be able to tell you that fresh records have now been created for traffic receipts, passengers carried, miles operated and monthly tickets sold.

An improved traffic revenue of over two and a half lakhs and having carried over four million greater number of passengers is an excellent position to be able to report.

Largely due to the low average rate of exchange during the year our operating costs (in dollars) also increased by, approximately, \$115,000.00 with the result that the profit for the year is not a record. It is, however, greater by \$169,318.25 than the profit for 1930.

Shaukiwan Route.

The greatest traffic increase occurred on the Shaukiwan route. The first complete year of through running between Shaukiwan and Western Market was 1929 and a comparison between the figures of that year and those of 1931 in respect of this route shows a striking increase.

Thus, in two years, the passengers carried increased by nearly 34 millions or over 53 per cent. on this (our longest) route.

Since I last addressed you we have doubled the track between the North Point generating station and Ming Yuen and there are now only short stretches of single track remaining. It has been our experience that just as we increase facilities for a quicker service on the Shaukiwan route by the conversion of lengths of single to double track so does the traffic grow, and in view of strong indications that this route would require a three (instead of the present four) minutes service in the immediate future it was decided, in August last, to order five additional tramcars. I am glad to say that these are now in service and our fleet of tramcars is increased to 91. As the track accommodation at our Russell Street depot is now taxed to its fullest capacity your Board has decided to build a small additional car shed—probably in the Quarry Bay area.

Kai-Tak Losses.

Our motor-buses on this side of the Harbour did better than last year—in fact the receipts per bus-mile increased by as much as 6.83 cents. This, however, was largely due to considerable pruning of the mileage which was less by 106,822 than in 1930. After providing for depreciation the net loss on this unit works out at \$15,435.00.

I now come to the affairs of our subsidiary, the Kai Tak Motor Bus Co. (1926), Ltd. and regret to report an adverse balance on working, excluding depreciation, of \$43,791.85.

In spite of operating 92,000 less miles than in 1930, the increased costs of operation, including maintenance and repairs of bodies and chassis amounted to \$63,350. It was found necessary to completely rebuild the bodies of one third of our fleet. Petrol, however, was the greatest individual item of increased expense and during the month of December we were paying (including tax) 150 per cent. more, per gallon, than we paid during the first six months of 1930. The petrol bill for 1931 was \$50,832 more than for 1930 and works out at an increased cost per bus-mile over the whole year of 114 per cent.

The Government in June last sanctioned a further increase in fares which was put into force on July 1st and, although our receipts improved, the number of passengers suffered a considerable decline. It is clear that the economic limit to which Kowloon fares can be raised has now been reached. Although receipts per bus-mile improved by 3.21 cents the expenses per bus-mile

increased by 7.64 cents of which 6.30 cents represents the increased cost per bus-mile for petrol.

Diesel Engine Popularity.

In my speech last year I said that the reign of the petrol engine appeared to be challenged by the Diesel or compression ignition engine and although this class of engine can now be had from several well-known manufacturers the utmost caution is being exercised at Home by motor-bus operators. Most of our Kai Tak buses are small 20-seaters and at present there does not appear to exist a Diesel engine small enough economically and efficiently to replace the modest petrol engine on these vehicles. It is, nevertheless, the present intention of your directors, during the current year, to purchase one or more new chassis which will be fitted with Diesel engines of the design which is considered best suited to the traffic conditions peculiar to the Kai-Tak routes.

I am glad to say that prospects for 1932 are a little brighter due to a reduction in the price of petrol by as much as 20 per cent. This is comparing the price to-day with the price last December.

Satisfactory Profit.

Dealing now with the Statement of Accounts before the meeting, I have already referred to the details of the Working Account. The profit for the year, \$910,613.93 shows the substantial increase of \$169,318.25 over the previous year, a result which I think you will agree is very satisfactory.

The item "Unclaimed Dividends, \$11,696.26" credited in Profit and Loss Account represents an accumulation of old balances which have been formally forfeited, these having been outstanding on the books in respect of dividend declarations prior to 1926.

Together with \$262,848.48 brought forward from last account, the total balance available amounted to \$1,173,462.36. As in past years the sum of \$68,000 has been written-off the "Goodwill and Construction Expenses" item. Two further appropriations—\$100,000 to Investment Reserve Account and \$200,000 to General Reserve—have also been made.

An Interim Dividend of 40 cents per share amounting to \$260,000 was paid in August last, and your Directors recommend a Final Dividend of 60 cents per share, making a total distribution for the year 1931 of \$1 per share.

The balance sheet is in the customary form and the only items calling for explanation are the appropriations to Reserve.

The transfer of \$100,000 to Investment Reserve Account represents a necessary provision on account of our cash advances to the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company.

The General Reserve Account has remained at the figure of \$100,000 for some years past. Your Directors consider that this account should be strengthened and this has been done by appropriating \$200,000 mainly from balances which have previously been carried forward in Profit and Loss Account from year to year.

When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to reply to any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Sir Henry Pollock seconded Mr. Stewart's motion, which was carried unanimously.

Other Business.

The appointment of Mr. A. B. Stewart as a Director, and the re-election of Messrs. A. H. Compton, C. G. S. Mackie, F. A. Joseph, Choa Po-Sien, L. C. F. Bolland, (General Manager) and W. F. Simmons, (secretary), were proposed.

Shareholders present were: Messrs. E. F. Aucock, D. V. Stevenson, W. E. L. Shenton, W. Allen, Frank Austin, A. W. Hayward, Sir Henry Pollock, Messrs. N. V. A. Croucher, A. A. Alves, E. J. M. Figueiredo, W. T. Yip, E. F. Wright, O. F. R. Yip, Yau, F. H. Yip, and A. McKirby.

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THE HISTORICAL NOVEL.

LECTURE TO ENGLISH ASSOCIATION.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern presided at a very well attended meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the English Association, which took place yesterday evening in the Helena May Institute. The Chairman, after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, introduced the lecturer, Mr. N. H. France, Reader in History at the University of Hongkong, who gave a very witty and interesting address on "The Historical Novel." Before the 18th century, Mr. France pointed out, there was no interest in history proper, and not many histories of these few serious ones were contemporary accounts of events, and the rest picturesque chronicles which showed no historical sense and were not the result of any careful investigation of the past. There was no attempt in pre-eighteenth century writings to get an historic atmosphere. In the early 18th century the only period of the past considered to be worth serious study was that of Greece and Rome; the rest was a mere interlude of barbarism. The interest in romance which rose during that century was one of the sources of the historical novel. The "Gothic" novel produced by Horace Walpole and Mrs. Radcliffe was its forerunner, but these writers made no attempt to give serious history; their novels were only picturesque, full of horror and elegant romantic sentiment. The historical novel, of which Scott's works may be said to be the first examples, made more serious pretensions to giving truth of history though it did not always do so.

Historical fiction which belongs to the literature of escape from the hard realities of life, and as such is not of the greatest type of literature which never loses touch with reality, but, when it was first produced, tremendous popularity, industrial England was very drab and the "Merrie England" legend was born. The peaceful citizen found in tales of the adventurous and chivalric past a compensation for his own dull and peaceful existence. This kind of novel has always been romantic rather than realistic in its treatment of former ages but it is very difficult to write well. The problem of language has seldom been solved successfully. Some historical novelists, like Scott, rely on a reproduction, often exaggerated, of archaic speech which is not convincing, but on the other hand to use bright modern idiom as others do destroys the historical illusion. George Moore's "Eloisa and Abelard" is probably the most successful in avoiding the difficulty as the writer's exquisite and formal style is in itself a little archaic and there is no attempt at realism in the conversations.

History Text Book has been often compared unfavourably to the historical novel as being "dry stuff" and as not telling how people really lived, but Mr. France's own opinion of the value of the

THREE KINDS OF LOVE.

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those heavy underarm dress shields, and they got sort of smelly, and that, probably, was why she used the perfume. It couldn't be told—like the advertisements. Poor Mr. Rodfern—if he could afford to advertise—Business was so slack, right now. She must insist, to-morrow, that he write again to that man in Seattle. Phil's voice was going on and on. Was Phil, perhaps, doing more than 7 his share of the talking. She listened.

"But! This stream of consciousness stuff—simpering at sin, whimsical and coy about wickedness! These young moderns—these worshippers of sophomoric sophistications—squirming their words about, wallowing in sexual discussions and portrayals—rot! You say they'll live? I say that they have never been alive. They've never yelled when the doctor spanked them. They're stillborn. They—"

"But see here," Barry interrupted. "My brief was for the stylist—modern, if you like, though Shakespeare."

"Shakespeare," Phil seized it, as if Barry had stolen it, and shook it at him. "Shakespeare—"

Underneath Phil's low rolling words Cecily murmured to Ann, "Can't you stop him?"

That was too silly of Cecily. If she wanted anything stopped, why didn't she stop it? Stop her Barry, whose face was red and who looked almost angry. Phil was not angry at all. Phil was merely intense. He always grew intense when the subjects of sin and wickedness and sex came up. Phil, thanks to his mother's excellent training, was something of a Puritan, he said. Ann was glad of it. It made him clean minded, made him honest and respect women—except that—well, that other sort. And he pitied them sincerely. He said that he did.

(To be Continued.)

historical novel in teaching was that actually it could give a little knowledge in a painless way, but it failed to give a true picture of the life and thought of the past. It tended to ignore unpleasant facts and led to unintelligent idealising and a failure to see the past in true perspective. Historical fiction is like a grey-dress ball, modern characters in antique clothing, for it is very difficult for anyone to-day to realise fully the thoughts and feelings of other ages and so make the characters live. Mr. France, after a brief survey of the writings of Scott, Ainsworth, Henty, Dumas and other writers of historical fiction, concluded that none of them had really written great literature. The historical novelist has to rely on actions rather than on character; for the source of his knowledge is not life but books; if his novel is good it is good as an adventure story. Finally why should anyone read or write historical fiction when there are crooks and adventures to delight in modern life, and English literature to reflect naturally and un-

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self-consciously the point of view and life of the past?

A discussion followed in which Mr. Southern, Professor Simpson, Mr. Braine-Hartnell, and Mr. Clabart took part. After moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, the chairman announced that at the next meeting, to be held in the Helena May Institute on Tuesday, March 1, at 5.30 p.m., Mrs. Southern would speak on "Hans Andersen." The meeting then adjourned.



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HEADMASTER APPEALS TO PARENTS.

AWARDS PRESENTED.

An appeal to parents to realize the necessity of interesting their children in things to stir their intelligence was made by Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale, Headmaster of the Central British School, in presenting his report at the annual distribution of prizes at St. Andrew's Hall yesterday.

In presenting his report Mr. Nightingale said in part:

The number of days, 208, on which the school was opened was greater than that of previous years owing to the adoption of summer hours during the summer months. The maximum number on the roll was 266 (239 in 1930).

the average attendance during the year being 211 (141 in 1929, 180 in 1930). The attendance was generally satisfactory, though there were many cases of sickness due to malaria, influenza and dengue fever. The school continues to grow, indeed, I can see no signs of slackening in the requests for admission to this British school.

An I anticipated in my report for 1930, I was obliged to form three classes of over 30 pupils in each, the alternative being the refusal to admit further British children, a step I am always very loth to take, but which may become necessary in the near future. The following figures are interesting illustrating the growth of this school during recent years:—

Average Attendance.—1919, 71; 1923, 105; 1927, 130; 1931, 211.

Old Pupils' Association.

At the annual meeting, held in November, it was decided that the name of the Association should be changed and that it should be known in future as Central British Association. The roll of member-

ship has increased and a rugby section has been formed. Of the three old pupils of the school studying at the University of Hongkong, Sheila Whitley successfully passed the B.A. degree examination in December. I have received gratifying news of distinctions gained by many of our old pupils who are at home Universities and Schools.

Audrey Hosford successfully passed into Bedford College, the results of her examination qualifying her for the Intermediate Science Certificate of the University of London. C. G. Edwards, our Cambridge 'blue', and J. Vicars at Liverpool are in their final year at the Universities. J. Tachai has just finished his school career and hopes to proceed to Cambridge in October next. R. A. Gervard has gained an International Rugby Cup, having played for England against the South Africans.

School Magazine.

During the year we issued the first number of our school magazine edited by Miss Munro and Miss Cortin to whose enthusiasm the success achieved is due. We have now a school badge, the front a school flag and a school motto, 'Honour ante Honorem'.

University Examinations.

The results of the Examinations this year were very satisfactory. The Peace Memorial Scholarship, open under certain conditions, to all British boys resident in China, was awarded to A. H. S. Skinn, Form VI, the Examination being conducted by the School Certificate Syndicate of Cambridge University. This is the first time that the Scholarship, of the value of £1,350, has been won by a pupil of this school. We are all proud of this achievement and we shall follow Skinn's progress at Edinburgh University with great interest.

Of Form VI, five candidates successfully passed the Examinations of the University of Hongkong, four the Matriculation Examination, two gaining distinction in English, and one, the Senior Local Examination. The Montargis Senior French Prize for Government Schools was awarded to Stella Bander. Of Form V, eleven of the fourteen candidates on the school roll in November were successful, gaining distinctions in English (3), Arithmetic, Scripture and Stenography (2).

At the Annual Examination of Forms IV—I the results were again satisfactory, 72% of the candidates gaining promotion to higher forms.

The following figures show in a very convincing manner the increase in the number of children in these forms during recent years. In 1929, 109 children were examined, in 1930, 153, and in 1931, 180.

Encouragement of Students.

I wish to stress here the advance that has been made at Central British School, in the study of English. We are continually adding to our English Library for we realise that the basis for the acquisition of the power of clear, lucid thought and writing, is the encouragement of our young students to cultivate the habit of reading the best in literature. They are taught how to use books and tested, and many, both boys and girls, have begun to realise that their life at school is the beginning of a great adventure worth pursuing in a spirit of discovery. They are discovering the delights of literature, and reports of former pupils, here and at home, show that many have not lost this spirit of discovery but are putting

it into practice the industry and intelligence developed during their youthful career at school. To-day the things most wished for in any School are these qualities of industry, combined with intelligence. We can have industry without intelligence, but not intelligence without industry.

Appeal to Parents.

I appeal to you who are parents, to realise how great today is the necessity that you should interest your children in things that stir a man's intelligence. You should co-operate with us, the teachers of your children for a few hours each day, and supplement our work in your homes. We teachers attempt the building up of character in our schools but much of it will be jerry-building unless we develop intelligent thought and in this task we ask, may, demand, in the interests of the children, the fullest co-operation of parents and guardians.

In conclusion I thank all the donors of Prizes, my Colleagues for their loyal co-operation and support, and the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church who so kindly gave us permission to use the Church Hall on this occasion. I wish also to thank you, Mrs. Southern, for honouring us with your presence here this evening and for so kindly consenting to distribute the prizes.

A Happy Speech.

At the conclusion of the distribution of prizes a particularly happy speech was made by Mrs. Southern, who said that she did not altogether agree with the writer of a recent article, who said that prizes should be given to the exceptionally brilliant for outstanding work. Most of us go to school in order to get some solid equipment for life, and in this hand world girls and boys and all of us have got to get down to hard work if we are going to add to the prosperity of the State.

Mrs. Southern added that she still retained most vivid recollections of her first impressions of school when she was a pupil and amongst those who had made a deep impression was Dr. Maude Ryden, who had recently written a most powerful book on 'Peace'.

Mrs. Southern quoted an extract from the school roll in November which was most apt in view of the deplorable happenings at the present time.

Mrs. Southern referred to the Scouts and Girl Guides, and said that she was glad to see that the Central School still retained the old enthusiasm. They were all sorry to lose Mrs. Lawson, who had always taken the keenest interest in the movement. Everyone was glad to see Mrs. Owen Hughes back again.

At the conclusion of her address, Mrs. Southern asked Mr. Nightingale if he would grant the children a holiday, a request that brought forth vociferous applause from the juvenile members of the audience.

A beautiful basket of flowers was presented to Mrs. Southern by little Bessie Stevens, and the National Anthem concluded the meeting.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

University of Cambridge School Certificate Examination:—A. H. S. Skinn, awarded the Peace Memorial Scholarship.

University of Hongkong Matriculation Examination:—S. M. Bander, distinction in English; A. Miller; A. Dobry; University of Hongkong Senior Local Examination:—I. Woolley;

YOUNG AMAH FOUND GUILTY.

STABBING INCIDENT ON THE PEAK.

Hearing was concluded yesterday of the case in which a young amah named Chau Sum was charged with the manslaughter of a cook at No. 112 The Peak.

After the case for the prosecution had been closed, the accused, in a statement from the dock, said that she did not mean to kill the deceased. She was holding the knife in her hand, and she only wished to threaten him so that he would not strike her.

No evidence was called for the defence, and after a short retirement, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, with a strong recommendation of mercy.

The Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kempt) in sentencing the prisoner, said that he accepted the accused's statement that the killing was not intentional, and also in view of the recommendation of the jury, would pass a light sentence. Accused was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

The jury comprised Messrs. H. W. Pomeroy (foreman), J. Lee, J. A. Lindsay, Lam Ming-fan, Waller A. A. D'Ancore and B. A. Young.

University of Hongkong Junior Local Examination:—N. Anniss; K. Clarke, distinction in Stenography; M. Clarke; M. Gardner, distinction in English; M. McCaw, distinction in English and Stenography; F. Bird, distinction in English; D. Gregory; V. Grunberg, distinction in Arithmetic; W. Maycock; J. Miller; J. Thirlwell, distinction in Biblical Knowledge; Montargis French Prize (Senior):—S. M. Bander.

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DARTMOOR GAOL MUTINY.

FIFTY CONVICTS FACE TRIAL.

PROBLEMS FOR OFFICIALS.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Feb. 16. Steel docks and a body of armed warders are suggested as a precaution at the public trial of fifty convicts, alleged to have been the ringleaders in the Dartmoor Prison mutiny.

One of the difficulties of the authorities is that of finding a court where it is safe to take these men.

The Home Office is now conferring with the police regarding the advisability of conducting the trial within the prison walls, but here again, another difficulty presents itself, that of finding a building in Dartmoor large enough to accommodate all the prisoners and the Court.

As fifty convicts are being charged, they will need at least a hundred warders.

NO "DOLE" IN AMERICA.

JOBLESS NOW TOTAL NINE MILLIONS.

Washington, Feb. 16. There is to be no "dole" in the United States.

The Senate today rejected a Bill providing for direct Federal Unemployment Relief.

Under the Bill, a sum of \$25,000,000 was to have been appropriated for relief purposes this winter, and a further sum of \$50,000,000 for the next fiscal year.

The number of unemployed is now stated to total nine millions. — *Reuter's American Service.*

THE SETTLEMENT STATUS.

FRENCH REMINDER TO JAPAN.

Paris, Feb. 16. The Foreign Office has instructed the French Ambassador in Tokyo to join the Anglo-American demarche reminding the Japanese Government of the necessity for respecting the status of the International Settlement in Shanghai. — *Reuter.*



A Japanese staff officer is here seen studying a map of the war zone in Shanghai.

SIXTY TROOPSHIPS FOR SHANGHAI.

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planes, in the vicinity of the Paoshan Road. Information regarding their movements led to a concentrated fire on the Paoshan Road, a terrific barrage being laid by the field-guns at Hongkew Park. The result of the shelling is unknown.

NANTAO PANIC.

Owing to a current rumour that the Japanese have prepared plans for an attack upon Nantao to-night, residents, especially those in the vicinity of the South Station and Kachongminao are panestricken and are deserting their homes in thousands. Huge numbers were

EXCHANGE MARKET LIFELESS.

HONGKONG DOLLAR UNALTERED.

With silver unchanged both in London and New York, the Hongkong dollar remains at yesterday's rate. The local market is absolutely lifeless, with the same conditions in Shanghai.

In London, the market was featureless on opening, with small business passing. After the official fixing, the market ruled idle.

The cross-rate has slightly declined to 3.44%.

pressing their way past the barricades into the French Settlement this morning.

Shanghai's Mystery Plane.

Part of the Puzzle Solved.

(SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH").

Shanghai, Feb. 17. Shanghai's aeroplane mystery, the sudden arrival of an unknown machine at the Racecourse and the speedy disappearance of the pilot, has been partially cleared up.

The pilot of the mystery plane was Mr. Tom Derby, an American, who arrived by air from Nanking. He is associated with the Arrow Aviation Company and flew to Nanking on business on January 25. He says that although Nanking was in no danger of attack, he considered that his plane was safer in Shanghai than in a Chinese hangar at Nanking.

He selected the racecourse as the most suitable landing place.

FIRE ON.

Mr. Derby declared that on his way down, he saw no signs of Chinese troop movements. He was very careful not to fly over Chapel, but nevertheless was mistaken for a Japanese plane and was fired upon by Chinese at least a dozen times without suffering hurt or damage.

The only part of the mystery not cleared up is why he "fled." — *Reuter.*

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